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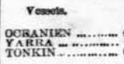

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Bombay, the 19th of March, 1902.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON, MARCH 20.

The Bombay Mail of 8th inst., arrived at Brindisi, to-day.

2 2-4 per cent. Consols..... £93 1-2 = —1-4
3 per cent. Rentes ..... £100 1-2 ex. = —1-4
2½ per cent. Sterling Loan..... £107 1-2 = —1-2
3½ per cent. Govt. Securities... £84 3-8 = —1-8
Bar Silver in London ..... 24 13-16 = unchanged
Do New York ..... 53 7-8 = "
Exchange on London at Paris, 25·17 = plus 1
Do New York ..... 4·87 1-2 = unchanged
Discount, Bank of England, 3 per cent. = —
" Short London Bills 2 3-4 " = —
" Indian Bank Bills 2 1-2 " = —1-8

Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester was steady. Total sales 15,000 bales. Sold on speculation and for export nil. Surats 10,000 bales. Imports 10,000. Spot 4 26-32 —1-32. Arrivals closed steady.

Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	May-June.	Aug.-Sept.	Oct.-Nov.
4·26	4·26	4·26	4·23	4·23
—3	—3	—4	—3	—3

In New York—

Receipts at the Port..... .....17,000 bales.
Do. last year ....26,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ..... 12,000 "
Do. to Continent ..... 9,000 "
Mid-Uplands..... 9 1-8
Futures, month of June..... 8·84—3
Do. do. Sept. ..... 8·27
White Karachi Wheat 29 3-8 Mar.-Apl. Sellers.
Red " " 29 1-8 " "

The Bank of England returns for the week ending Wednesday, show the following results:—

Total Bullion.....£373,00,000 unchanged.
Public Deposits.....£18,900,000 do
Other do. ....£39,500,000 Inc. £ 700,000
Other Securities ....£24,000,000 Inc. £ 800,000
Notes and Gold..... £26,800,000 Dec. £ 100,000

The Bank's reserve is 46 per cent. of the liabilities.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Thursday, the 20th March 1902:—

Cotton	8,416 bales.
Wheat	8,906 cwts.
Linseed	9,492 "
Rapeseed	6,312 "
Gingellyseed	1,819 "
Poppyseed	nil "
Groundnuts	786 "
Castorseed.....	5,069 "
Rice	11,13,620 "
Myrabolams.....	6,254 "
Cottonseed	117 "

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 21.

THE event of the week has been the publication of the prosperity budget, showing a surplus of over four and-a-half millions sterling for the year 1901-1902, and an estimated surplus for 1902-1903, after very careful and cautious estimates, of about eight hundred and fifty thousand sterling. The chief items of interest to the trading community, are the amount of Council Bills for the coming year, which are stated to be sixteen and-a-half millions sterling; and the new loans provided for in the Budget, viz., one and-a-half millions stirling and one and-a-half crores of rupees. The new rupee loan has naturally come in for some severe criticism in the bazaar, where a boom was confidently anticipated in the event of there being no new loan. Last year's loan of one crore of rupees was floated almost entirely in Bombay, and the successful issue was due to the bull feeling amongst the local speculators. The rate at which it was issued, viz., Rs. 97-5as. was nearly the highest point reached during the year. That paper may now be said to form the surplus floating in the hands of the speculators, as it has not been absorbed by investors, though in the interval the price has been down to about Rs. 95. Under the circumstances it is natural that a new loan this year is looked upon with great disfavour in the local market. But speculators have not been receiving much encouragement lately in Bombay, and it is possible that the new loan may be use in discouraging the large speculative local element. The bare announcement has certainly checked the upward movement. It seems to be the general opinion that the Indian Government borrowings should be as much as possible in Rupees, and for that reason the small rupee loan announced is favourably looked upon in other quarters. If issued at all it will probably come out in July or August when money is generally in large supply in the Presidency towns, and is seeking an outlet, which the loan will provide.

There is also a 4 per cent loan of thirty lakhs provided for by the Bombay Improvement Trust, which should certainly have free applications, judging from the rapid rise which has taken place in these securities since the last loan was issued.

There is but little improvement to report in the general trade of Bombay since last mail left. The usual heavy shipments which ordinarily take place in Bombay towards the end of March are not conspicuous this year, and we hear of little fresh business. Cotton has remained steady throughout the week, prices having fluctuated very slightly, both locally and in New York and Liverpool. Arrivals continued on a fairly large scale, and stocks are increasing, the daily offtake being moderate. The Seeds settlement is proceeding, while purchases of exporters and the local mills are comparatively small.

The Seeds Markets have been quiet. Linseed has been in moderate request both for ready and forward delivery, while receipts are not yet on a large scale. Rapeseed has been more or less neglected throughout the week. Poppyseed is quiet with a small inquire for forward shipment. Castorseed is also quiet, and prices have declined slightly in the week. The groundnuts market remains firm with few sellers and business limited in consequence.

The Freight Market has firmed up during the past week, for March shipment. The available tonnage is practically all in one hand, and rates have been advanced to 14s. 6d. for seeds and 15s. cotton at which prices a moderate business has been reported. For April-May shipment the quoted rate is 13s. 6d. picked ports S. W. C. The steamer "Ravenese" has been reported fixed at 14s. one port March-April loading, and the steamer "Torridge" from Rangoon to Bombay at Rs. 6-4 April.

The Piece Goods Market is showing signs of improvement. There is some enquiry from Hyderabad and the Central Provinces and reports from Delhi, Cawnpore and Amritsar show that there are fair clearances there, and buyers will operate after the Holi festival. On the whole there is decidedly a better feeling in the market, and dealers are getting hopeful of a good demand from upcountry in the near future.

The local Yarn Market continues dull, Prices are steady with scarcely any inquiry. The continued fall in China exchange is checking business, and with a steady cotton market, mills are unable to accept offers coming to hand.

In Metals, Copper and Yellow Metal remain steady. About 100 bundles copper has changed hands at £66-10 per ton and 200 bundles of yellow metal at £56-5 to £56-10. The Iron Market is quiet, dealers, offers being very low, with scarcely any transactions recorded. Spelter is steady with a small business passing at £16 to £16 5.

The Coal Market continues quiet. Small sales o Deshargur have been made at Rs. 13-8 and of Cardiff at Rs. 18.

The following charges appear in the Bank of Bombay statements, dated 15th March, compared with the previous week:—

LIABILITIES.		
Public Deposits ...	...	Rs. 13,02,971 Increase
Other Deposits ...	...	" 91,19,837 Decrease
Credits Undrawn ...	...	" 9,82,208 Increase
ASSETS.		
Government Securities ...	...	Rs. 3,23,409 Decrease
Other Authorized Securities ...		" 1,21,605 Increase
Credits on Securities ...	...	" 9,95,894 do.
Loans do. ...	...	" 4,84,227 Decrease
Bills discounted & purchased ...		" 13,51,447 do.
Balances with other Banks ...		" 2,88,091 Increase
Cash	...	" 30,21,314 Decrease.

The above items show an increase in the Trade Demand of 42·97 lakhs. The Bank of Bengal statement, dated the 18th inst. shows an increase in the Trade demand of 17 1-4 lakhs. Cash at Head Office is 6 1-4 lakhs up, and at the branches 27 1-2 lakhs down, showing a nett decline of 21 1-4 lakhs. The Government balances are 3 1-4 lakhs down and the Banks investments are 2 1-4 lakhs up. The Bank rate in both Presidency Banks remains unchanged at 8 per cent per annum. There have been considerable drawings on Bombay throughout the past week on account of China in payment of goods shipped from this port. Money has remained steady and the rate for short deposits is unchanged at 6 per cent for two months. The total applications for Council Bills on Wednesday last amounted to 350 lakhs for the 70 lakhs tendered for allotment, and the tenders received 4½ per cent. The larger part of the allotment has come to Bombay viz. 46·60 lakhs of Bills at 1s. 4d. and 16·60 lakhs of transfers at 1s. 4 1-16d. Bombay has also received since last mail left gold coin from Australia to the amount of Rs. 22·1·2 lakhs and gold Bullion Rs. 3 lakhs.

Sterling Exchange has fluctuated very slightly during the week under review. On Monday morning Bank T. T. was done at 1s 4 1-16d and there has since been a fair enquiry daily at the rate which has not been conceded. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Bank demand was generally available at 1s. 4 1-6d. for the mail, and in some quarters for March delivery with but little enquiry at the rate. On Thursday morning when the result of Councils was announced, the quotation declined to 1s. 4 1-32d. Three months sight D-A bills have been daily quoted at 1s. 4 7-32d. for March delivery with 1s. 4 3-16d for April, and 1s. 4 5-32d. for May available. The supply of mercantile paper has again been very moderate. Private wire has been placed at 1s. 4 1-16d. and private demand at 1s. 4 3-32d. since Wednesday. Banks are not keen sellers for forward delivery, in the absence of mercantile bills, while on the other hand there has been little inquiry from buyers. The tone of the market at the close is quiet, and Bank T. T. is quoted at 1s. 4d. for near delivery. China exchanges are again lower with the fall in silver.

The Bullion market has been quiet throughout the week and both gold and silver transactions are very moderate.

The Mail of the 7th March due in Bombay to-morrow morning brings silver to Bombay £1,00,000 and gold to Bombay £60,000 and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta.....	lakhs	18·70
Bombay.....	"	7·00
Madras	"	1·70=37 40 lakhs.

The mail of the 14th March due in Bombay about the 28th March brings silver to Bombay £60,000 and gold £ 40,000 and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	lakhs	34·70,
Bombay.....	"	26·00
Madras	"	2·30=63·30 lakhs.

The mail of the 21st March due in Bombay about the 4th April brings silver to Bombay £90,000 and gold £50,000 and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	lakhs	2·50
Bombay	"	48·80
Madras	"	30=51·70 lakhs.

The Rupee Paper Market opened steady on Monday at 96·12 for the near settlement, advanced to 97, and again declined to the opening rates. On Tuesday the market remained steady throughout the day with a large option business passing. On Wednesday, when the new loan was announced in the Budget, the rate declined to 96·6, closing at 96·2. On Thursday the market fluctuated between 96·7 and 96·5. To-day the quoted rate at opening was 96·3 closing at 96·5 with a fair business passing. The tone of the market has been distinctly easier since the publication of the Budget.

The Share Market was steady during the week under report with small transactions reported. Bank of Bombay shares are quiet at 1337 1-2 and are reported to have changed hands. In mill shares Petits have remained nearly unchanged at or about 1610 during the whole week. General Indias are steady at 1512 1-2, while Swadeshis are unchanged at 580. Currimbhais are quiet at 540, Davids steady at 265 and Chinas week at 450. Connaught mill shares are quoted at Rs. 400. Howard and Bullough 360, James Greaves 260. Empress are in demand at 180, and Leopolds are in demand at 128, Colaba Land and Mill shares are unchanged at 410, Morarjees at 1390 and Sholapurs at 1660, without any business passing in them. Sassoon Mill shares have advanced to 610, Southern Marathas have changed hands at 165 to 170. In miscellenous list Kemps have changed hands at 285 and Treachers at 745. Port Cannings at 427 1-2. Bombay Ice shares have improved to 61. Bombay, Burma are steady at 6700xD and quarter shares at 1710. In Press shares Mofussils have changed hands at 415. New Berars at 540. Indians are steady at 155. In Railway Companies Tapti. V. R. shares have declined to 420, and Ahmedabad-Prantej shares are quiet at 555. The rest of the Companies are unchanged and quiet at previous quotations with little or no business reported.

The following are closing quotations:—

ombay Port Trust	4	per cent	repayable	1931	Rs. 103-8
Do.	4	do.	do.	1922	" 99-8
Bombay Municipal debentures	4	do.	do.	1939 40	" 97-4
	4	do.	do.	1928	" 96-12
Bombay Improvement Trust	4	do.	do.	1960	...99-4

Closing quotations.

	Last week.	This week.	Up.	Down.
EXCHANGE—Tone quiet.				
Bank T.T.	1-4 1/32	1/4	....	1/32
Bank Demand	1-4 1/32	1 4 1/32	unchanged.	
Credit Bills 3 months sight D A.	1-4 7/32	1-4 7/32	unchanged.	
Credit Bills 6 months sight D A	1-4 11/32	1-4 11/32	unchanged.	
French Bills 3 months sight D A	170 1/4	170 1/4	unchanged.	
Marks 3 months sight D A.	138 1/4	138 1/4	unchanged.	
Hongkong 30 days sight	132 1/2	131	....	1 1/2
Shanghai 30 days sight D A	180	178	....	2
Japan 30 days sight D A	149	149	unchanged.	
GOVERNMENT PAPER—3½ per cent tone unsettled.				
Cash	96·1	96·1	unchanged.	
1st Sel. Bonds	96·8	96·5	....	3
2 4 do.	....	99·9	....	....
MONEY MARKET, Tone steady.				
BANK RATE—				
Bank of England since 6th February	3 p. c.	3 p. c.	unchanged.	
Bank of Bombay since 13th February	8 p. c.	8 p. c.	unchanged.	
Bank of Bengal since 7th February	8 p. c.	8 p. c.	unchanged.	
Bank of Madras since 7th February	8 p. c.	8 p. c.	unchanged.	
SEEDS—				
Linseed—Tone steady.				
Ready	9·8	9·8	unchanged.	
Forward April-May	9·8	9·8	unchanged.	
Rapeseed—Tone quiet.				
Brown Cawnpore, Ready	6 6 1/2	6 4 to 6 6	....	2
Brown Cawnpore, Forward April-May	6 7 to 6 8	6 5 to 6 7	....	1
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	nom.	nom.	....	....
Yellow Cawnpore, Forward April-May	7·2	6-11-6 12	....	6 to 7
Yellow Gujerat, Ready ...	nom.	nom.	....	....
Yellow Gujerat, Forward April-May	7·12	7·10	....	2
Poppyseed—Tone steady.				
Ready	nom.	nom.	....	....
Forward April-May	8·13	8·1 3-12	....	1 to 2
Castorseed—Tone quiet.				
Ready	2·9	2·8	....	1
Forward April-May	3·0	3·0 8	....	4
Groundnuts—Tone firm.			as.	
Ready	4·0	4·0-4·2 3	3	....

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

Growths.		Fine.	F.-G.	Good.	Delivery.
Bengals, H.-G. (Ry. terms)		160	154	149	25 March
Bangals, M.-G. (Ry. terms)		170	164	...	do.
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.) ...		170	164	...	do.
Bolati, (M.-G.)		185	179	...	do.
Khandeish, (M.-G.)		...	174	...	do.
Dhamangaon Poolgam...		188	182	...	do.
Oomra good staple		196	190	...	do.
Akola	M.-G.	}			
Khamgaum do.	do.	188	182	...	do.
Karanja do.	do.	}			
Broach do.		210	...	205	do.
Bhownugger (H. G.) ...		...	...	184	15-25 May
S.-G. Dharwar		...	...	202	do.
Westerns		...	...	187	do.
Cotton. Tone steady.					

COTTON STATISTICS. Bales.

Receipts for the week.....	64,390
Receipts from 1st Oct. to 19th March.....	1,479,801
Shipments for the week, to Europe	13,160
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports ...	3,912
Total.....	17,072

Shipments from 1st October to 19th March.:—

Europe	21,4332
Japan	338342
China	71342
Coast Ports.....	6233
Total.....	630309
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	5681
China, Japan and Coast Ports	39490

Week's arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds:—

Cotton	65,544 Bales.
Wheat	43,963 cwts.
Linseed	92,618 "
Rapeseed	53,107 "
Gingellyseed	21,160 "
Poppyseed.....	1,091 "
Groundnuts	2,588 "
Castorseed	33,744 "
Rice	24,4913 "
Myrabollams.....	39,560 "
Cottonseed.....	12 036 "

THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

The following report is dated Liverpool February 27th:—The market is rather in favour of the position. The bears base their arguments on a continuation of the heavy receipts, and the deplorable state of the continental trade, while the bulls assert that the movement cannot continue on its present scale. They point to the flourishing trade and the great consuming power of American industry, and the fact the stocks at the counted town in the Interior, which are all much below last year, and argue that the same state of things naturally exists in the unenumerated towns. After carefully weighing the pros and cons, we must confess that we should rather continue advising purchases. An important syndicate in America holds a large quantity of futures; but then this syndicate with the power, and financial resources to hold the cotton will apparently not let go without a profit. Sentiment in America seems to be universally bull. Many of our pessimistic friends came to the conclusion that the crop cannot be so big after all. To cite an example our Memphis friend, in spite of the present heavy movement, has just reduced his estimate to 10 1-4 millions, his estimate last November being 11 millions. Our Savannah friends tell us that a large quantity of cotton has been sold short to American spinners which has yet to be covered by dollars. The Russo-Asiatic crop has suffered severely for the unfavourable weather and that it will be 25 to 30 per cent. less than last year, when it was about 450,000 bales of bales. Manchester news is a little more favourable this week; and some contracts have been put through for China. In cloth there is a good steady business. As regards, however, the production has been increased by so many new spindles of late, that makers find it difficult to sell at a satisfactory profit; this increase in spindles at work means an increased consumption of raw cotton. As you find from the above, there are many features in favour of higher prices. Still we are anxiously awaiting the developments of the first weeks in March. If the much rodiced failing off in the receipts does not then occur, we must make up our minds to see a crop of more than 10 1-4 millions; and then the question will arise:—How much more shall we get? In the meantime, the small crop estimators in New York, those who look for about 9 1-2 millions, are adopting very large consumption figures as their principal argument and are not laying so much stress on the small crop probabilities. It may be that this forbodes a change in their opinion. Hence, we must be very careful. Whether prices will go much higher is open to doubt. If the receipts, however, were to fall of in such a manner as to warrant only about 10 1-4 millions, a considerably higher level of prices would be inevitable, as at present, however, it must be confessed that it looks as if the crop were going to exceed 10 1-4 millions. Double option J. J.—23 points and A. S.—26 points."

FASHIONABLE women in New York are adopting a dangerous method of improving the complexion by means of camphor eating. The idea seems to prevail that camphor taken in small and regular doses gives a clear, creamy look to the complexion. This dangerous habit once begun is extremely difficult to cast off, it produces a mild form of stupefaction. Camphor-eaters all have a dreamy, listless air, and in most of them there is an intense longing for sleep.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

DIVECHA—March 21, at her residence, opposite the Fire Brigade Station, Fort, Bombay, Bai Piroznbai, wife of Doctor Kaikhusru Rattanji Divecha, and eldest daughter of late Doctor Pestonjee Muncherjee Nicholson. Funeral this (Saturday) morning at 7-30.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

CASEY—March 8, at Sambalpore, C P, the wife of J M Casey, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

JESSOP—February 22, at Port Blair, Andaman Islands, of fever, Walter Jessop, 3rd Assistant Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Commission, son of C H Jessop, of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, aged 18 years.

WELCH—February 22, at Dinapore, Norman Frederick Hall, infant son of Captain Welch, K O S B, and Mrs Welch, aged 3 months.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 3m. Sun sets, 6h. 11m. High water, 0-12m. 0-46 a. Low water, 4-14-m., 4-12a.

Bombay Extra Races.

Meeting of the Bombay Legislative Council 12 o'clock.

Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races.

Y. W. C. A. Hall, the Williams' Shakespearian Readings, 9 p.m.

P. and O. s. s. Victoria, with English mails of 7th inst., due to arrive at daylight.

Novelty Theatre: The London Gaiety Company.

Xavierite gathering 6 p. m. Theatricals 7 p. m. Dinner 7-30.—New College Buildings, to-day.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 2m. Sun sets, 6h. 11m. High water 11-6m., 11-20a. Low water, 4-50m., 4-50a.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Ceylon, Straits Settlements, China, Japan and Australia per s.s. Coromandel will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 a.m., on Wednesday the 24th instant.

THE XAVIERITE GATHERING.—his will be held at 6 p. m. to-day, Mr. Bomanji Pestt has kindly consented to preside on the occasion. The Archbishop of Bombay and the Bishop of Damaun have very kindly responded to the invitation.

MUSIC AT THE ESPLANADE.—By kind permission of Major C. A. R. Crommelin and officers, the Band of the 1st Battalion, B. B. and C. I. Ry. Volunteer Rifle Corps, will play the following programme of music at the Esplanade at 6 p. m.:—

Quickstep.....	A Francesa..... Kaiser
Overture	Si Fait ..... Adam
Valse	Wiener Chic ..... Morton
Selection	Erminie ..... Jakobowski
The Gondolier Waltz	A Rubber
Mazurka.....	A Love Duet ..... Faust

HOUSE-BREAKING IN BOMBAY.—Mahomed Bin Rahimbux, who resides in Tank Street and keeps a shop in Ripon Road, has reported to the Police that during Wednesday night some one broke into his shop by removing the locks on the doors at the back of the house and stole from a box currency notes and cash of the collective value of Rs. 701—A similar complaint has been made by one Mohonlal Moolji, whose house in Banyan Street was broken into on Thursday afternoon, and ornaments and money of the aggregate value of Rs. 978 were abstracted from a box.

BROWNAGAR NEWS.—Our Bhownagar correspondent, writing on Wednesday, says:—Mr. Gokuldas Narainji of Sihore is being prosecuted on a charge of having let off fire works in a narrow street, thereby causing eleven deaths and injuring others. Mr. Coutilal, pleader, defends, while Mr. Bhanoo Shanker conducts the case.—A Kanbi woman has been arrested at Rampur station on a charge of having stolen jewels belonging to a Girasia lady, while travelling on the B. G. J. P.—The Diwan of the Wadhwan State having died, his son has been appointed as a Talukdar, on a salary of Rs. 400.—The manzo crop which promised so well before, has suffered much in a storm that raged fiercely yesterday.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT TARDEO.—The annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of the Bai Rattonbai Panday School, which is provided for the benefit of those poor Parsis who reside in the cheap residential quarters at Tardeo, took place last evening in the compound of the quarters. Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy presided and there was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. The pupils went through a programme of music and songs which were well appreciated by those present. From a report which was read by Mr. A. C. Murzban, it appeared that there were at the end of the last month 164 pupils on the roll, which showed an increase of 49 pupils over the corresponding period of the last year. The prizes having been distributed by Sir Jamsetjee, Mrs. Pandey, the chairman addressed the gathering. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

THEFTS ON MALABAR HILL.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Naneshah Manorshah, alias Ramsing Pertabsing, a Purdesi was charged by Inspector Sloane with stealing a gold watch and sundry articles of jewellery of the collective value of Rs. 345, the property of Mr. R. Woolcombe and Dr. H. P. Dinmock, both of whom reside on Malabar Hill. One Sheradyal Sitaram, a Hindu, was charged with receiving and disposing of the stolen property in connection with this case two other accused have already been convicted and sentenced to eight months' rigorous imprisonment each. The police, on information, arrested the present accused, and on searching their premises recovered the two pieces of Mr. Woolcombe's watch and several other articles belonging to that gentleman and Dr. Dinmock. The Magistrate convicted both the accused and sentenced No. 1 against whom there was a record of two previous convictions, to two years' rigorous imprisonment and No. 2 to pay a fine of Rs. 50.

THEFT OF A COTTON BALE.—At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr T. J. Strangman, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. Dinsnawji Ratanji, a jathakeeper in the employ of Messrs. Breul and Company, charged Krishna Abaji, a servant, with stealing a bale of cotton valued at Rs. 90, on Wednesday night last. Mr. R. D. N. Wadia, barrister-at-law, instructed by Police Inspector Sullivan, prosecuted and Mr. Vellinker, pleader, defended. Ganu Bhagoji gave evidence that he saw the accused rolling down a bale from Breul and Co.'s "jatha." He seized the accused by his arm but he escaped. Then he (witness) shouted out and with the help of ramoshis finally caught him in a tub of ink. The bale was rolled down 40 or 50 paces from the place where it ought to be. The accused said that he was drunk and did not know how he came into the tub. The Magistrate in delivering his judgment said that the case was quite clear. The accused was seen removing the bale and had escaped immediately after. He was slightly drunk but not too drunk to remove the bale, and to know what he was doing. He ordered the accused to receive 8 stripes on his bare shoulders. The property was handed over to the complainants.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Ward.	Plague, Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Vellkeri, Fort Southern and Esplanade...	2	1	5
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umar Khadi and Dongri.....	13	8	39
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	23	21	53
Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Malabar Hill	16	13	25
D Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tar Gully, Byculla and 1st Nagpada.....	36	21	60
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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Killarda, 2,385 tons, Captain J. Smith, sailed yesterday, for Kobe, &c., with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Magna, 771 tons, Captain H Trounce, sailed yesterday, for Cochin, in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Okara, Captain F Shilbrick, arrived in harbour on Thursday from Calcutta, 7th March via Colombo with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Ratput, 3,615 tons, Captain J Bullock, arrived in harbour on the 20th instant from Rangoon 4th March via coast ports, with a rice and general cargo.

THE Hall Line steamer Worsley Hall, 2,238 tons, Captain J Black, sailed yesterday, for Liverpool, via Karachi, with a general cargo, Mr M G Mayhew and Miss Mayhew as passengers.

THE Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nadir, 2,041 tons, Captain P J Morgan, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Calcutta, 21st February, via coast ports, with a general cargo, and Mrs Morgan and three children and three deck.

THE Anchor Line steamer Britannia, 1,963 tons, Captain A C Turner arrived in harbour on Thursday from Glasgow 8th February via Manchester and Liverpool with a general cargo and Mr A H S Aston and Mrs A Livesay as passengers. The vessel is consigned to Messrs W and A Graham and Co.

THE Austrian Lloyd's S N Co's steamer Imperator, 2,325 tons, Captain C Androvich, arrived in harbour on Thursday evening from Trieste 3rd March, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Dr Pfanna, Dr Wessely, Mr J Mowitz, Mrs H Klein, Mr S Lindner, Col and Mrs E L Wright, Mr Kakstein, Mr Knowles, Mr S Guilarmod, Miss Anderson, sister Maiz St Clare, Rev and Mrs Warlow, Miss Riding, Miss Soutan, Mr M Thompson, Miss W E Young and Mr L Packman. During the voyage she experienced N-E monsoon.

ARRIVALS.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
20	Rajputs	Bullock	Rangoon, March 4
	Okaras	Sheldrick	Calcutta, March 7
	Imperatrixs	Andrevich	Trieste, March 3
	Britannias	Turner	Glasgow, Feb 8
21	H M S Assaye	Lumbert	Karachi, March 19
	Plassy (trans sort)	Preston	Southampton, Feb 26
	Nadirs	Morgan	Calcutta, Feb 21

DEPARTURES.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	For Destination.
21	Torridges	Evans	Rangoon
	Wesley Hall s	Black	Liverpool, &c
	Megnas	Trounson	Cochin
	Killaridas	Smith	Kobe

THE following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Imperator, for Trieste, &c.
" Ravenshoe, for Hamburg, Antwerp, &c.
" Muke Maru, for Japan.
" Britannia, for Marseilles, Liverpool, &c.
" Naderi, for Jeddah, &c.
" Nadir, for Calcutta, &c.
" Crescent, for Calcutta.
" Rajput, for Calcutta, Rangoon, &c.

MADRAS.
ARRIVALS.

Mar.	Vessels.	Arrived from
3	Vortigern	Calcutta
17	Schwarzfels	Bremen
15	Umlazi	Calcutta
19	Gutenfels	Bremen
19	Culna	Calcutta
19	Nerbudda	Rangoon
19	Zloengha	Negapatam

DAILY EXPORTS.—MARCH 21

FOR GLASGOW.
Britannia s—109 tons old iron Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR HULL.
Tabaristan s—2,097 cwt cotton seed W and A Graham and Co; 4,271 cwt cotton seed Ralli Brothers; 650 cwt myrabllams H Virgmi and Co; 6,000 cwt cotton seed W Becher; 200 cwt cotton seed W Becher; 5 1 cwt myrabolams C Purtut and Co; 2,080 cwt myrabolams, A Khimjee; 3,007 cwt cotton seed W and A Graham and Co; 2,000 cwt cotton seed B Visram and Co.
Mikado s—871 cwt cottonseed Ralli Brothers; 2,000 cwt cottonseed, Killick Nixon and Co; 2,019 cwt myrabollams Ebjee Cumercy.

FOR ANTWERP.
Mars s—57 bales cotton; The Bombay Co; 75 bales cotton E Spinner and Co; 110 bales cotton fly, 2,000 cwt linseed, Tyabjee and Co; 710 cwt myrabollam, Khjee Cumercy; 55 bales cotton A Blaschock and Co; 220 bales cotton Glade and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.
Ravenshoe s—9.9 cwt linseed; 999 cwt poppyseed; 1,885 cwt gingellyseed E D Sassoon and Co; 1,601 cwt myrabolams, Cowar and Co; 3,0 1 cwt myrabolams, H Anandrao and Co; 4,000 cwt rapeseed Volkart Brothers; 200 cwt castorseed, 5,525 cwt rapeseed; 4,017 cwt linseed 1,500 cwt teelseed Ralli Brothers; 3,500 cwt weedseed; Hauer and Krause 3,0 cwt rapeseed, Volkart Brothers, 4,000 cwt linseed Forbes Forbers and Co; 200 cwt gum, A Sangjee, 411 cwt myrabolams, Hugo Schwer and Co; 2,000 cwt bonemeal, Croft Mody and Co; 335 cales cotton and 2,091 cwt gingelly seed A Blaschock and Co; 1,060 cwt myrabollams C Purbut and Co.
Thornlaks—29 bales hemp, Kidar Reeve and Co; 300 bales cotton E Spinner and Co; 140 bales cotton The Bombay Co.

FOR HAVRE.
Villede Majunga s—1,200 cwt linseed A Blaschock and Co; 7,412 cwt rapeseed 2,005 cwt linseed Ralli Brothers; 100 bales cotton Glade and Co.

FOR GENOA.
Volunta s—1 300 bales cotton Ralli Brothers; 50 bales cotton Glazebrook Tejpal and Co; 3,000 cwt linseed N Khimji and Co.

FOR VENICE.
Imperator s—500 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 500 cwt castorseed, Cowasjee and Co; 1,000 cwt castorseed, Volkart and Brothers.

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COLONEL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.
Bombay, 22nd March, 1902.
1. There will be Class Firing at Colaba to-day (Saturday) afternoon. Trains leave Victoria Terminus at 3-30 and 4 p.m. (local time) and Byculla 12 minutes later in each case.
2. The following matches of the B V A Carabine Association will be shot for to-morrow (Sunday) and Monday the 24th instant:—
Match VIII—200 and 500 yards.
Match IX—200 and 300 yards.
Match X—"The Running Man" Range 200 yards.
By Order,
G. STODDART, Captain, R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

HIGH COURT.—MARCH 22.

Before the Hon. the CHIEF JUSTICE.
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Short Causes.
17-02—Manekbi J and H—Lalubhur Kalyan vs Mahomed Jagmohandas Purushottamdas and another—Matubhai J and M—Part heard.
878-01—Mulji & C V—Vallabdas Bhugwandas and another vs Keshavlal Gordhandas and others.
105-02—Ardeshir H D—Vaishnal Panalal vs Talakchand Javersnand.
873-1—Dadhiray and F—Jotiram Jadajee vs Bai Sakirbai widow and another—Inglis Land O.
29-02—Daphtary and F—Mohanlal Undarjee vs Sariram Kaluram and others.
66-02—Crawford B and Co—Chhabildas Lallobhoy vs Esabhoy Mula Abdulally—Payne G S and M.
85-02—Crawford B and Co—Joglun Hosein Allarakhia vs Allimahomed Goolam Hosein Soomar Vira and others.
For Investigation of Pauperism.
5-02—Sorabjee and J—Jane Road vs John Road.
33-01—In person—Meerunjee Edulji Bharucha vs Framjee Edulji Bamboat.
57-01—In person—Bhica Ramjee vs Soonderjee Maujee—Ardeshir H D and Co.
46-01—In person—Georgina Matilda Hewett vs Vernon S Hewett.
6-02—In person—Bai Vajirbai vs Esubally Rehmanjee Cheogi—Tyabjee D and Co.
7-02—In person—Allarakhia Canjee vs Joosab Peer Mahomed.
4-02—In person—Mahomed Gangjee and others vs Gooleb—chand Megha and others.
Short Causes.
721-99—Framjee and D—Ranchordas Morarjee and others vs Ambashanker Mohanjee and another—Dikshit and D.
774-01—Framjee and D—Motichand Parbhudas vs Mantal Vijyalakshmi.
27-02—Chunis M and M—Hari Janardhan Dio vs Ramjee Vasand Ranganand.
119-02—Bhaisbanker K and G—Ally Mahomed Fray vs Cowarjee Anandjee—Thakurdas and Co.
125-02—Mulla and M—Motichand Premjee and others vs Sugarmal Senajee.
227-01—Mantri and B—Kanji Bhari Ravinarayen and others vs Munsal Pasari and another.
102-02—D D doner—Dewjee Shiva Thakoor vs Jasinto Joao Baretto.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice STARLING.
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.
517-99—Edgelow G and W—Mahomed Ebrahim bin Goolam Hossein Hamidudin and others vs Hajee Mahomed Ebrahim bin Hajee Allawoodja Jiteksr and others—Crawford B and G and G and W.
429-0—Framjee and D—D B Lam and others vs Ramlayal Devidutt.
Short Causes.
833-00—Thakurdas and Co—Hajee Saboo Sidick and others vs Hajee Cassum Joosub and others—S B and N.
850-01—Edgelow G and W—Nanchand Fulchand vs Jewanlal Amritlal and others—Hiralal and D.
429-01—Payne G S and M—Nusserwanjee Nowrojee vs Vaziribai widow—Kharegat.
781-01—Hiralal D—Cowasjee Rustomjee Master vs Jeevanlal Amritlal Patel—Smethan B and N.
491-01—Ardeshir H D and Co—Hariram Mohanjee vs Lalbai widow and others—Shamrao and M—For trial of issues.
58-02—Nana and H—Kaikhushroo Nowrojee Kabrajee vs Dinshaw Eduljee Vatcha and others—Dikshit and D and Madhavjee V.
719-99—Khunderao and S—M Ramgopal and others vs M Lallijmull and others—Pesonji R and K.
305-97—Tyabjee and D and Co—Chatoorbhoojdas Govardhandas vs Vithaldas Ramdas and others—Wadia and G and Payne G S and M.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice CHANDAVARKAR.
For an exparte decree.
29-01—K D Shroff—Kaikushroo B Choksi vs Girdhardas Gansbandas.
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.
331-99—Edgelow G and W—Piroxal widow vs Ardeshir Shapurjee Naoroji—K D Shroff.
874-01—Dikshit and D—Abdulla Tyab vs N C Macleod—In person.
695-99—Framjee and D—Fatmabai widow and others vs Allah Jivaya Valad Miya Haji Elabhoy Malvi H and M.
46-00—Pestonjee R and K—Alloo Backer Hajee Soomar vs Abdul Rauff Hajee Soomar—Payne G S and M.
783-98—Banishanker and K—Goculdas Muichand vs Dewray Welsee and others—Edgelow G and W.
822-00—Sreetham B and N—Narayan Sukhram and others vs Mithabai—Tyabjee D and Co.
851-00—Khunderao and S—Haji Ismail Haji Essack vs Khanderao and others—Tyabjee D and Co.
523-00—Pasang G S and M—Ghanesdas Bhojsaul vs Rampurtab Gordhanlal and other—Tyabjee D and Co. and Broughton and B.
461-00—P P Pavri—Fardunji Shapurji Madon vs Bazonjee Shapurjee Madon—Manekbukhai J and H.
880-00—Payne G S and M—George G Volkart and others vs Jhimal Hamchand and others—Malvi H and M.
27-01—Madhavjee V—Harilas Jetha vs Kalianjee Haoraj Soodher—Craigie Lead and Dan Bhaijbanker and K.
71-01—Dikshit and D—Jangildas Vighnakandas vs Bai Jamnabai widow and others—Bicknell M and M.
47-01—K B Metha for paupers—Ramchandra Janardhan Mantry vs Vinayak Ramchandra Mantri—Shamrao and M.
744-99—Khunderao and S Somram Brijlal and another vs Nanukram Kanjeeram and others.

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NAVAL EDUCATION.

THE critical spirit that moaned and groaned over defects of armament, discipline or generalship that betrayed themselves in the British Army during the War is now on the pounce for any rift in the training and education of the navy. Mr. Julian S. Corbett, in "The Monthly Review" for March, voices the belief that all is not as it should be in the senior service. The public are alarmed and angry at discovering that there are shortcomings in the Army. Did they know that affairs in the Navy are no better, the writer would not attempt the task of picturing their state of mind. If it be true, as he says, that those who know can only look on in hopeless impotence, and that to hint that the system in vogue is radically defective, only earns one the name of a hysterical alarmist, it requires more than ordinary courage to speak out, and more than ordinary eloquence to drive home such melancholy convictions in the proper quarter. Lord Selborne complacently declared in the House of Lords not so long ago that the present system of naval education was as good as possible—he had the authority of the many admirals and captains he had consulted to support him—and that there was no intention of altering it. The irate critic compares the First Lord of the Admiralty to Buddha contemplating his own perfections—it is a mere detail that Buddha contemplates the perfections of the Supreme Being, not his own—and that to consider "you have reached your standard of perfection is a certain indication of decadence. We must grow or rot, and the navy, so far as education is concerned, is not growing." This is a heavy indictment, and when we follow all that is adduced in this paper to show that if there are effective men in the Navy, it is in spite of the system, not because of it, it requires all our belief in the indomitable nature of the Briton not to tremble at the danger we run of manning our ships with men profoundly ignorant of the duties expected of them. In olden days boys entered the Navy so young that much was not expected of them in the way of a general education. They were forthwith practically and thoroughly taught their special work and little else, but they learned their profession on the spot, and were made technically masters of it, not mere students of text books. They were trained to be expert seamen. Now "so elaborate and complex is the arm which the naval officer must learn to wield, that the old art of the frigate and the ship of the line seems child's play beside its modern development. Then it sufficed an officer if he were a seaman. Now he must be sailor, soldier, engineer, and man of science too." When we add to all this that he has to learn to command, to be prompt, alert, accurate and ready for every mood of Neptune, we must see that the few years between fifteen and twenty are all too short for acquiring such a vast array of accomplishments, and that the system by which they are to be successfully attained should be the best that can be thought out, and should be confided to the finest experts available to be taught.

Mr. Corbett is no friend to the change in the age at which boys enter the navy. He grants there were reasons for and against the alteration, but it is the effects he quarrels with, for they were "immediate and indisputable." Games became of more importance, and Latin was compulsory for the entrance examination. For these two more than doubtful advantages the boy's technical training was deferred for two years, and we are told that "the population of the navy with what has now become the disease of public school life is an unmitigated calamity." The "Britannia" curriculum provides for instruction for one year in seamanship, navigation, and extra subjects—French, physics, steam and naval history, but the practical side of instruction seems to be entirely left out or so scamped that its sequence is lost. The theory of navigation and of seamanship is taught, but the boy gets no practical skill, and, as a rule, has consequently little training of eye and hand in taking correct observations. French is said to be of the true Britannia metal kind, and naval history is barely elementary. Signalling the boys are taught, and taught well, but all other subjects, Mr. Corbett declares, are so presented, that the cadet is neither instructed nor educated. He simply imbibes a distaste for them all as for appetite is deadened by the process. After a year of thus marking time, the boy joins ship. If it be a battleship, he is one of ten or twenty cadets and midshipmen whom a naval instructor teaches navigation and mathematics five days a week, on an average for two or three hours in the mornings. Duty too often decimates this class, motley enough to begin with, for a boy may be wanted for anything from Captain's A. D. C. down to mustering kits. The instructor naturally is disheartened, and probably limits his efforts to the brightest boys. He cannot be held to blame, it is the system that is the culprit. Technical instruction is given on four afternoons a week, and this is well arranged up to a certain point. The subjects are four, and the boys are divided into two classes, and each subject is taught for a fortnight on end, so that there is a fair sequence in this instruction. But these afternoons are just as liable to interruption by duty calls as the mornings. The teachers are not specially selected, and they have their own duties to get through, besides the instruction of cadets. The officer selected has often to depute the lesson to a petty officer, and the result is not satisfactory. Boys will be boys on boardship as much as elsewhere, and with such a desultory system, skylarking and inattention is not unknown. In practical navigation the theory is that midshipmen are attached in turn to the navigating officer. It is a good theory, but in practice it cannot be always carried out, for many ships remain a long time in harbour. Once a month the rule is for the navigating officer to teach midshipmen the use of the charts, but as Mr. Corbett says, it is difficult to write of this modicum of instruction with restraint. "The youngster gets no real sea education, nor ever will, till we make up our minds to substitute some sound consistent method for one whose only recommendation is that it bears a colourable resemblance to the old one."

The cadet having been three years under this sort of training, goes to the Naval College at Greenwich, where the final touch is to be put to his education. The course is here described as a last despairing effort to teach boys what they should have learned in their three years at sea. Clever boys can do it easily, but the majority are neither clever nor over-industrious, and Greenwich has to do the best it can, and begin where the Britannia left off, or even reteach a good deal of that. Then the youth goes to Portsmouth for six months, and is rushed through gunnery, torpedo and pilotage courses, and is ready for his naval career, with a fixed idea, writes this critic, that naval history, tactics, strategy or international law, are of infinitely less importance than polo or cricket. For modern languages, prizes are offered, but this hardly induces cadets to study them, the prizes being always won by those who have learned the languages in childhood or in some way outside the navy, and as the knowledge of a foreign language often means that a young fellow is detailed for some special duty when he might be playing cricket, he is not easily tempted to learn it. If the present Admiralty manufacture is not up to the old hall mark, it is not the fault of the material. That is still as good as ever it was, it is in the system that the fault lies, but the strain will be none the less when the hour of trial comes. "If," says Mr. Corbett, with all a civilian's fearlessness, "a system of education is to be sought which will have a chance of achieving what the present system fails even to approach, we must look frankly to the end and the ordinary means used in other fields. There must be no longing looks over the shoulder at a system which was designed for a different end, no matter how successfully it worked. The difficulty of reconciling a thoroughly scientific technical training with the qualities of the old type of naval officer is enormous. No matter the cost, the old qualities must be retained. If the rest cannot be had with them, the rest must go. But it will never do to confess at once an impossibility. It is not the way of the navy." And as it is practically useless to point out defects without also suggesting a remedy, Mr. Corbett promises that he will indicate in a later article the lines on which the problem may, in his opinion, be solved. He indicates that it is the junior officers who know where the shoe pinches, it is the youngsters, who want to know the things they should be taught and cannot compass, who would gladly accept some system that even Chili and Portugal have organised in their tiny navies. Admirals and Captains have forged ahead, and having passed all difficulties with colours flying, cannot take a pessimistic view of the system which has, at all events, not interfered with their success. But it cannot be expected that First Lords of the Admiralty will consult with the juniors, nor yet disregard the satisfying assurances of the higher and responsible officers of the Navy. There will be critics as long as there are human beings and human institutions. The wise man does not reject all criticism, he lets its light shine on the dark corners of the administration.

THE SCENE IN THE COMMONS.

THE moral of the unseemly proceedings in the House of Commons on Thursday night is that it is not yet permissible to criticise the Government for its mismanagement of affairs in South Africa. Though the passion with which the Pro-Boers were greeted during the earlier stages of the war has given place to a more chastened and reasonable feeling throughout the country, some of it still lingers among the occupants of the Government benches. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's direct attack on the policy and tactics of Ministers, produced an outburst from Mr. Chamberlain in which that master of unvarnished statements appears to have excelled himself. We imagine, however, that the only person who will derive any kudos from the interchange of compliments between the Colonial Secretary and the nominal leader of the Opposition is Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. In Thursday night's scene the Leader of the Opposition posed as the director of the whirlwind, and the storm which he created will, doubtless, do much to strengthen the hopes of those of his followers who look for a vigorous Opposition policy. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, it is true, has never given any impression of being capable of sustained vigorous action any more than has Lord Rosebery, but while the two kings in Brentford are bidding for supremacy, it is interesting to note the methods by which each aims at securing absolute recognition. The net result of the debate on the Consolidation Bill should be a rally of the Liberals, who resent the appellation of Pro-Boers, to the support of the leader who galled the kibe of the Colonial Secretary severely enough to arouse his wrath. That the temper of the House generally suffered by the altercation between the Ministerial and Opposition Chiefs is clear from the misuse of the word "traitor" which in its sequel led to the suspension of Mr. Dillon. The Irish member's description of the "tame Boers" as traitors was as unwarrantable as the Colonial Secretary's caustic retort that Mr. Dillon ought to be a good judge of traitors. There is no refinement about Mr. Chamberlain's essays at wit, but if his shafts be not pretty they are sharp, and in this instance the shaft produced an answer in downright English that entirely outraged the dignity of the House. Mr. Dillon's breach of the language rules was, however, not the first of its kind in the history of the Commons. The Mother of Parliaments has on occasion, been no more dignified than the Austrian Reichsrath at its worst. The lie direct, strengthened by an expletive, has been given by one member to another before now, while on one memorable occasion members descended to a free fight on the floor of the House. A careful observer may note that these ebullitions of Parliamentary ill-temper run in epidemics. The Austrian Parliament sets the example to the French Chamber and thence the rowdyism spreads to other National Assemblies. Only the other day, in the American Senate one member described the statement of another as a "deliberate lie" and immediately the disputants got to fisticuffs. They do these things differently however, in the British House of Commons. A trifle may produce an unseemly and unscientific exhibition of pugilism, but a statement sufficiently strong to rouse the just anger of the natural man merely results in the offender's retirement from the House for a brief interval for refreshment.

BARREN LANDS IN THE NORTH-WEST PROVINCES.

WHEN to the ordinary difficulties which beset the Indian agriculturalist is added complete sterility of the soil, he is in about as bad a position as it would be possible for a tiller of the land in any clime to be placed. And in the North-West Provinces and Oudh are to be found tracts of country which for ages have defied the efforts of the agriculturalist. For years Government has experimented, but as yet no really successful results have followed these operations. However, such success as has been enjoyed has encouraged Government to continue the experiments, and there is hope that means will yet be found to reclaim the barren usar wastes. The "Agricultural Ledger" gives an exhaustive account of the methods which have been employed in the Government experiments up to the present. The conclusions that have been arrived at vary, of course, with the comparative sterility of the various areas under treatment. If the usar, as the barren land is called, be not too strongly permeated with alkali, then manure often suffices to make it fit for cultivation. However, as the necessary manure is not always available, this method is frequently too costly to be practicable, the financial results not justifying the initial expenditure. Where manure cannot be obtained, experimenters have found that the better kind of the waste land can be made fertile by working into the land such rough crops as will grow during the monsoons. A fair amount of land has been reclaimed in this way, the crops used for the manuring process being coarse rice san hemp, mandua, and sanwan. But even this partial success necessitates a costly and tedious process. Sugarcane sometimes grows well, and it is found too that in its growth it abstracts from the soil a quantity of its salty constituents. The idea has been mooted that it might be possible to clear the land of alkali by the continued cultivation of sugarcane upon it, but it is pointed out that this salty cane would be valueless, and the process would be thus much too costly. Silting has proved successful in many cases, but local conditions will not always permit of that process being adopted. Many complete failures had attended these experimental agricultural undertakings, and among the more characteristic tests that have been applied are the use of gypsum, which failed on account of expense, the enclosure for fodder, which proved futile because of the continued necessity for enclosure even after years of protection, the propagation of grass, which was seen to be valueless because of the innutritious quality of the products, and sowing seeds of timber trees which was also found to be too expensive if all the details necessary for complete success were gone through. The soda salts have been found to be of value in glass making, and have also been used with good success in the making of caustic soda for other industrial purposes. Many points have yet to be decided before the experiments can be regarded as complete. It is not yet properly known whether the removal of the alkaline salts from the surface of the worst usars when the efflorescence is at its maximum will prove successful if persisted in, and the use of lime on land not badly affected with alkali has not had a proper trial. Other chemical reagents have been tried with more or less success, and there are several other methods which are also being used, and the results of which are as yet incomplete. There is therefore fair ground for hope that all the energy and capital that have been expended up to the present may not prove a complete loss.

PLAGUE IN BENGAL.

SOME particulars regarding the recrudescence of Plague in Bengal during 1900-1901, are supplied in the Report of the Administration of that Province. Throughout Bengal there was a serious revival of the scourge, the greatest increase being observed in the districts of Patna, Saran and Gaya, where deaths amounted to 14,951, 13,002 and 8,403 respectively. The increase for the whole province was 48,790, the figures having risen from 23,557 in the previous year to 72,341. In Calcutta itself the total number of attacks and deaths amounted to 9,579 and 8,837 respectively, as against 6,754 and 6,249 in the previous year. It will be noticed that in both years the percentage of attacks to deaths was 92. The course of the epidemic resembled that of the previous two years, and as in those years there was a rapid decline in the number of plague cases in the month of April. Notwithstanding the virulence of the epidemic, the Special Health Officer did not see that any good purpose would be served by an alteration in his method of dealing with the disease, and disinfection was the sole means adopted to check its ravages. During the year, however, the Plague Regulations in force in Bengal were revised to meet the requirements of the report of the Indian Plague Commission of 1900. The principal features of these regulations are the exclusion from Calcutta rules regarding plague of all provision for the compulsory removal of patients to hospitals, and the segregation of contacts, and the strict limitation of such measures in the interior to special cases, where necessity seems to demand recourse to them. Another alteration is the withdrawal of the power to employ cordons, and in future reliance is to be placed on disinfection alone, in Calcutta, and in the interior on the evacuation of infected quarters. Eleven of the inspection stations in the province out of 16 were abolished in November, and the staff of the remaining five was also considerably withdrawn. The number of plague cases detected at the sixteen stations during the year was only 58, and of those 30 ended fatally. The report states that every means to encourage the carrying out of the new regulations will be tried except force.

YESTERDAY, being the birthday of the Crown Prince of Portugal, the Portuguese Gunboat Dio, now in port, as well as all his Majesty's warships in the harbour, and the R. I. M. Dockyard flag staff, were decorated with flags and bustings. A salute of 21 guns was fired from H. M. S. Highflyer in his honour, and the Portuguese Gunboat Dio also fired a similar number of guns.

H. M. S. Torpedo Gunboat Assaye, Lieutenant-Commander R. M. Lambert, R. N., and Torpedo boats Nos. 101 and 104 under Lieutenant-Commanders J. C. Powles, R. M., and J. C. Hughes, R. N., respectively, returned to Bombay yesterday from Karachi, having left that Port on the 19th instant.

H. M. S. HIGHFLYER yesterday took on board over five hundred tons of coal at the rate of a hundred tons in an hour which is reported to be a record for Bombay coaling.

THE Amir's Agent with the Government of India states that everything is perfectly quiet in Afghanistan, and does not consider that there is the least likelihood of any excitement on the Nowroz, which was celebrated yesterday.

COLONEL FENN, R.A. M.C., Surgeon to the Viceroy, proceeds Home by this week's mail on six months' leave.

SIR EDMOND ELLES, Military member, will arrive at Simla on April 17th, on completion of a short tour.

A COMPLETE list of the Native gentlemen proceeding to the King's Coronation, as the guest of the Government of India, will shortly be published.

THE Universities Commission will finish taking evidence in Bengal next week, and will then proceed to Allahabad and Lahore, where witnesses will be examined.

MR. A. A. APCAR, Vice-President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, has been nominated by the Lieutenant-Governor to represent the Chamber on the Legislative Council of Bengal.

OUT of the ten lakhs which Bengal is to receive as a grant from the Government of India for educational purposes, two lakhs will be allotted to the Medical College, Calcutta, for much needed improvements.

THE dates of the following Regimental Dinners in London have been fixed:—30th May, Hyderabad Contingent, at Grand Hotel; 9th June, Bengal Cavalry, at Hotel Metropole; 11th June, Punjab Frontier Force, at Grand Hotel.

MR. L. F. MORSHEAD, Collector of Tippera, succeeds Mr. Duncan Macpherson as Collector of Customs, Calcutta, when the latter proceeds on furlough next week. Mr. H. W. P. Scroope, Joint-Magistrate, Arrah, going to Tippera, vice Mr. Morshead.

THE following plague doctors, who accepted Commissions in the Indian Medical Service, have proceeded to Netley for a course of instruction: Drs. Justice (Bengal), Gloster (Burma), and Norton (Bombay). Several other medical practitioners, who were offered Commissions here, are unable, for various reasons, to accept them.

A HINDI manuscript of value has been forwarded to the Pundits at Benares by the Government of India for interpretation and translation. It is a work by the renowned poet and philosopher Kabir, the followers of whose faith are abundant in every part of India. Mention is made in the work of the Hindu saint, Ramanand, and it is believed that both the lawgivers flourished in the same period of Indian history.

A NUMBER of owners and occupiers of houses situate on the Mint Road, Fort, have forwarded a petition to the Municipal Commissioner objecting to the erection of stables on a plot of ground adjoining the Municipal Fort Ward Office and to the west of Mint Road. The petitioners point out that the Corporation resolved that the particular plot should be leased only for the erection of a range of one floor shops, so as not to infringe the rights of light and air of the householders behind the plots.

News from Dera Ismail Khan states that four of the members of Ahmad Khan's gang, who were not directly concerned in the murder of the Extra Assistant Commissioner in the Sheranl country, have surrendered. The rest are still at large; but the Sheranis themselves are giving every possible help to the troops and police engaged in trying to capture the gang. They have sent armed parties to search the whole of the Takht-i-Sulaiman range, from Zao to Dhana Ser, each section of the tribe having a part of the range told off to it.

THE MAGAZINES.

THE MONTHLY REVIEW for March has many excellent articles, well written and appropriate to the time. Julian S. Corbett has a paper on "Education in the Navy" in which he points out the defects in the present system. A second paper will endeavour to do the more genial but more difficult task of suggesting practical remedies. In "Prosperous British India" Major Malleson tak

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

MORE AUSTRALIANS FOR THE CAPE.

LONDON, MARCH 21.

Mr. Barton, the Australian Premier, announced in the Federal House of Representatives, amid loud cheers, that the Government intended to despatch 2,000 Federal troops to South Africa in response to the request of Mr. Chamberlain.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA IN THE FAR EAST.

M. DELCASSE ON BRITISH POLICY.

LONDON, MARCH 20.

It is considered that the main object of the Franco-Russian declaration, which is vaguely worded, is to affirm the extension of the Franco-Russian alliance to the Far East.

M. Delcasse, in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, dwelt upon the identity of the policy of France, and the aims of the Japanese agreement in which there was nothing at which France could take umbrage. The eventuality foreseen therein had forced itself upon the consideration of all the Powers.

LONDON, MAR. 21.

The "Morning Post" correspondent in Paris understands that the Franco-Russian declaration is merely the facade to a new close understanding, whereby Russia pledges herself to support France elsewhere in certain contingencies in return for French support in the Far East.

STORMY SCENE IN THE COMMONS.

CHAMBERLAIN AND CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

VIOLENT LANGUAGE IN THE HOUSE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OUTBURST.

MR. DILLON SUSPENDED.

MARCH, 20.

During the debate in the House of Commons to-night, on the Consolidation Bill, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman made a vehement speech in which he accused the Ministerialists of possible tactics in describing every attack made on the policy of the Government as pro-Boer.

He stigmatized as malignant slanders remarks like those made by Mr. Balfour the other day, that the Opposition's criticism on the war contracts was worth 5,000 men to the Boers.

Mr. Chamberlain hotly condemned the vitriolic speech of Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, and said that as regards malignant slanders Sir Henry himself never lost an opportunity of slandering his country and the King's soldiers. What could he expect than to be called a pro-Boer when he always thought the Boers were right and his country wrong?

It was a malignant slander to say that Government were withholding information.

On the Speaker of the House intervening both Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman and Mr. Chamberlain withdrew the words "malignant slander."

Mr. Chamberlain mentioning that 3,500 Burghers, were fighting on the side of the British, Mr. Dillon exclaimed that they were traitors.

Mr. Chamberlain retorted that Mr. Dillon ought to be a good judge of traitors.

Mr. Dillon then called Chamberlain a "damned liar" and as he refused to withdraw the remark was suspended by 248 against 48 votes.

EDUCATION IN UGANDA.

In the House of Commons, to-night, Lord Cranborne, replying to a question, said that while it was not intended pecuniarily to support educational Societies in Uganda, the Commissioner had been instructed to discuss the education question with the missions and remove as far as possible the restrictions on their good work.

THE JIBUTIL-HARRAR RAILWAY.

The French Chamber has adopted the Convention subsidizing the Jibutil-Harrar Railway, making it exclusively French.

THE INCREASE IN THE SOLDIER'S PAY.

Lord George Hamilton, replying to a question in the Commons, promised to give due weight to the views of the Indian Government regarding the pay of British Troops in India.

TEA DUTY IN AUSTRALIA.

The Australian Commonwealth House of Representatives Commit ee has placed tea on the free list.

THE NEW RUSSIAN LOAN.

LONDON MAR. 21

The new Russian loan of £19,250,000 is based upon the Chinese indemnity, and will be issued at St. Petersburg, Berlin and Amsterdam. The instalments will be spread over a sufficiently long period to prevent serious pressure on the money markets.

RUSSO-PERSIAN AGREEMENT.

The "Times" understands that Persia has concluded an agreement with Russia, whereby Persia receives a new loan of ten million roubles, giving Russia the concession for a new road from Tabriz to Teheran.

THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

The following is the result of the race for the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase :—

Shannon Lass	1
Matthew	2
Manifesto	3

THE MAILS.

LONDON, MARCH 20.

The Bombay Mails of the 8th instant arrived at Brindisi to-day.

CORONATION PREPARATIONS.

CALCUTTA, MARCH 21.

A special cablegram to the "Englishman" states that the Coronation preparations are proceeding apace.

THE ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss M. L. Hayes officiates as Lady Superintendent of the Indian Army Nursing Service and Misses Cousins and Lloyd as senior Nursing Sisters.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, MARCH 20.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macaulay arrived here from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta this morning.

PORTSAID, MARCH 20.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Mattawa left here this afternoon.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. India from Bombay arrived at Hongkong in the morning of the 19th instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer Idzumi Maru left Hongkong for Singapore on the 21st instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Tirol from Bombay arrived at Aden on the morning of the 21st instant.

The Florio and Rubattino Company's s. s. R. Rubattino from Bombay to Genoa, left Aden on the 21stinstant at noon.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MARCH 20,

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.

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The Manchester Market has been steady.

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3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan 107 1-2

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The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total Bullion £37,5?0,000, unchanged Public Deposits £18,900,000, unchanged. Other deposits £39,500,000, Increase £700,000. Other Securities £34,000,000, Increase £500,000. Notes and Gold £28,800,000, Decrease £100,000. The Bank's reserve is 46 per cent. of the Liabilities.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD AND THE NAVY.

DEMAND FOR EFFICIENCY.

A FIGHTING SPEECH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 21.

A special cablegram from London, published in to-day's issue of the "Statesman," states that Lord Charles Beresford, speaking at the Institution of Naval Architects, yesterday, said:—"I will fight for naval efficiency and speak my mind, even if I am court-martialled for doing so."

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

THE MANCHURIAN QUESTION.

REORGANIZATION OF THE CHINESE ARMY.

The 'Statesman's" special cablegram states that the settlement of the Manchurian question is shortly expected that the "Times'" Peking correspondent has telegraphed that the Russian minister has induced Prince Ching to give an undertaking that no foreigners shall be employed in reorganising the northern Chinese military forces, but General Yuan Shikai refused to be bound by any such stipulation.

PROLONGATION OF THE WAR.

BOER DECISION.

ANOTHER AUTUMN AND WINTER CAMPAIGN.

A "Statesman's" special cablegram states that a Boer conference was held last January, at which it was resolved to make provision for carrying on the campaign over next autumn and winter.

P. W. D. POSTINGS.

Mr. H. G. S. Savory from leave to be Deputy Consulting Engineer, Calcutta.

Mr. W. E. Curry to be Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Burma.

Mr. C. Ross to be Examiner of Guaranteed Railway Accounts, Madras.

Mr. W. A. Rakan to be Government Examiner of Accounts, Assam-Behar Railway.

Mr. F. P. Danne to be Examiner of Accounts, Bengal-Nagpur Railway.

M. R. Srinivasaiyer is posted to Bengal.

Mr. A. R. Kalberer is posted to the Telegraph Accounts Department.

Mr. W. P. Gray to be Examiner of Accounts, E. B S. Railway.

Mr. D. W. Macpherson to be Deputy Accountant-General, for inspection.

Mr. S. C. Tomkins has six months, and Mr. A. Conloy eight months' leave.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT CORPS.

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS AND PAY.

The following changes in the Supply and Transport Corps are notified to take effect from the 1st proximo :—

The appointment of Deputy Director-General of Supply, on the Staff of the Director-General is created on Rs. 1,800 monthly.

Appointments of Deputy Inspector-General on the head-quarters staff of each of the four commands, is sanctioned on Rs. 1,800 monthly to take the place of the present senior Assistant in the Punjab, and of the Assistants to the other three Inspectors General.

The appointment of Deputy Director-General of Transport is made administrative on Rs. 1,800 monthly.

The pay of Inspector General is raised to Rs. 2,250 monthly, that of the administrative officer, Burma, to Rs. 1,800 monthly, exclusive of the special allowance he draws, the latter appointment to be known as a Deputy Inspector Generalship.

The staff pay of sixth class officers is raised to rupees 250 monthly.

Deputy Directors and Inspectors General will vacate at fifty-two years of age. Officers acting in these appointments will receive the usual officiating pay.

INDIA'S CORONATION REPRESENTATIVES.

THE CONTINGENT OF IMPERIAL SERVICE TROOPS.

Raj Kanwar Bir Bikram Siogh of Sirmur and Major Afsur-ud-Dowla of Hyderabad accompany the Imperial Service troops of the Coronation Contingent to England. The Corps will comprise thirteen mounted officers, three company officers, 48 non-commissioned officers and 36 privates selected from the various bodies of Imperial Service Troops, Cavalry representatives going from Patiala, Jodhpur, Ulwar, Gwalior, Bhopal, Indore, Mysore, Hyderabad, Rampur, Bhavnagar, Junagarh, Kashmir and Navanagar; Artillery representatives from Kashmir, Sappers from Sirmur, Malerkotla and Faridkot and Infantry representatives from Kashmir, Patiala, Jind, Nabha, Kapurthala, Ulwar, Bharatpur, Bikanir and Bhawalpur.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Captain V. Hunt is posted as assistant to the Political Resident, Persian Gulf.

Captain A. B. Dew as Assistant Political Agent, Quetta and Mr. E. H. Kealy as Assistant Commissioner, Herwara.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Hardy, Additional Member of the Viceroy's Legislative Council, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Fuller as Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture

THE RECENT ACCIDENT ON THE G. I. P. RAILWAY.

A CORRESPONDENT writes :—With reference to the recent accident at Tadvalia, the first station beyond Khandwa on the G. I. P. Ry. it appears that on the early morning of the 19th instant while No. 7 Down Goods train was being shunted from the platform line on to the main line No. 8 up-passenger train is said to have come in against signals and collided with the goods train outside the facing points. The engines met head to head, both were derailed and badly damaged, two wagons were smashed and several of the carriages were damaged.

It is reported that six native passengers travelling in the front third class carriage were slightly cut and bruised also one of the native firemen was injured.

Medical assistance, and the break-down train was wired for, and arrived promptly from Khandwa.

The passengers in the Up and Down mail trains on the 19th instant were transhipped, and the line was cleared by 4 o'clock the same evening, but the Calcutta Mails have been considerably delayed for the last three days.

It is understood that the accident has been reported to the Government Inspector of Railways Calcutta, who will probably attend at the joint enquiry which will be held in order to ascertain the cause of the accident.

THE WILLIAMS' SHAKESPEARIAN RECITALS.

The first of the series of recitals of Shakespeare's play to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal A. Williams will take place this evening at the Young Women's Christian Association Hall at nine o'clock. The historical drama of King Henry IV (part I) with the humorous concerts of Sir John Falstaff will be interpreted by Mr. Williams, who, in his representation of the score or more of characters, appears to excellent advantage. The play is full of human interest, the characters are strongly drawn, and in the hands of an able exponent, the high qualities of Prince Hal and his kingly father, the impetuous Hotspur and "the great Sir John are certain to give delight to those who do not need the accessories of the stage, in order to enjoy the humour, feel the force and appreciate the beauty of this—the greatest of Shakespeare's English historical dramas.

The box plan is to be seen at Messrs. Seymour Dove, & Co.'s, where patrons may secure reserved seats without extra cost.

Mrs. Hannibal A. Williams will interpret the charming pastoral comedy "As you like It" on Monday evening, March 24.

THE Durbar at Delhi and the concomitant celebrations next January are estimated to cost the Government 35 lakhs of rupees, of which 26 1-2 lakhs are debited to Political expenditure, and 8 1-2 lakhs to Military. Four laks of rupees also are provided for the Art Exhibition, which is to take place at the same time. £28,000 are provided under Political for the reception of Indian Chiefs attending His Majesty's Coronation in London in June and £20,000 for expenses in connection with the visit of Indian native troops on that occasion.

A RUSSIAN DREYFUS CASE.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES.

OFFICER DETECTED SELLING MILITARY SECRETS.

BETRAYED BY A JEALOUS WOMAN.

CZAR HIGHLY INCENSED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, MARCH 21.

The "Pioneer's" correspondent cabling from London yesterday says :—

A counterpart of the Dreyfus case has come to light in Russia.

Colonel Grimm of the general staff has been detected selling military secrets to foreign Powers.

Two lady accomplices have been arrested.

It is reported that Colonel Grimm was betrayed by his jealous wife.

One account states that he had been entrusted to pass false plans on foreign agents, but he gave the real ones. Another makes Colonel Grimm a subordinate in a big confederacy.

Great official laxity is disclosed.

The Czar is much incensed at the disclosures.

LORD KIMBERLEY SINKING.

Lord Kimberley has had a relapse and is sinking.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

By the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces.)

Captain W. G. Cooper, Squadron Officer, 4th Bombay Cavalry, to officiate as Second-in-Command, during the absence of Major M. E. Carthaw-Yorstone on leve out of India, or until further orders.

Captain C. D. Parry Crooke, 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment to be officiating Deputy Assistant Adjutant, vice Major W. H. Bowen appointed Officiating Assistant Adjutant General, Deesa District.

Captain A. J. Stephen, 1st Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment to be Officiating Adjutant, vice Captain F. L. Northcote, proceeded on leave.

Lieutenant F. F. Hunter officiating Squadron Officer, 1st Bombay Lancers to be Squadron Officer pro tem. vice Lieutenant H. H. Syer, seconded for service in South Africa.

Lieutenant A. M. Hennell, Squadron Officer, 2nd Bombay Lancers, to be 4th Squadron Commander pro tem. vice Lieutenant J. G. Griffith, seconded for service in South Africa. Lieutenant J. G. McConaghy, Officiating Squadron Officer, to be Squadron Officer, vice Lieutenant A. M. Hennell appointed 4th Squadron Commander pro tem.

Lieutenant J. G. McConaghy will be graded above Lieutenant E. S. Percy-Smith and below Lieutenant K. M. Woolcombe.

Lieutenant R. W. W. Grimshaw, Officiating Squadron Officer, 4th Bombay Cavalry, to be Squadron Officer, vice Captain N. G. Fraser, appointed Squadron Commander.

Captain A. C. Edwardes, Double Company Officer and Adjutant, 2nd Bombay Grenadiers, to officiate as third Double Company Commander, in addition to his own duties, from the 11th December 1901.

Lieutenant E. G. S. Trotter, Double Company Officer and Quartermaster, to officiate as 4th Double Company Commander, in addition to his own duties, from the 11th December 1901.

2nd Bombay Grenadiers.—Captain F. L. Lloyd Jones, Double Company Officer, 13th Bombay Infantry, to be 4th Double Company Commander vice Captain F. R. E. Lock appointed 3rd Double Company Commander, 12th Bombay Infantry.

12th Bombay Infantry.—Major P. A. Smurthwaite 4th Double Company Commander, to be 2nd Double Company Commander vice Major E. R Hartigan appointed Second-in-Command, Captain F R. E. Lock, 2nd Bombay Grenadiers, to be 3rd Double Company Commander, vice Major J. M Ransom, appointed 2nd Double Company Commander, 13th Bombay Infantry and Captain A. H. Bolton, Double Company Officer, 13th Bombay Infantry to be 5th Double Company Commander vice Major P. A. Smurthwaite appointed 2nd Double Company Commander.

13th Bombay Infantry.—Major J. M. Ransom 3rd Double Company Commander, 12th Bombay Infantry, to be 2nd Double Company Commander, vice Major C. G. Nurse, appointed Second-in-Command. Captain M. E. Nuttall, Double Company Officer, 12th Bombay Infantry, is transferred in the same capacity, vice Captain A. H. Bolton appointed fourth Double Company Commander, 12th Bombay Infantry. Captain Nuttall will be graded above Captai A. O. Lash.

Lieutenant R. D. Marjoribanks, Double Company Officer, 7th Bombay Pioneers, to be Quartermaster vice Captain S. A. Dalmc-Radcliffe, vacated on promotion.

16th Bombay Infantry.—Major F. A. C. Kreyer 4 h Double Company Commander, seconded, Captain T. A. F. R. Oldfield, 4th Double Company Commander, protem, seconded; Brevet Major A. H. Bridges, Double Company Commander, pro tem. seconded; Captain W. J. Hunter, 4th Double Company Commander, pro tem, to move up in grade succession vice Captain W. S. Jacob, seconded on appointment to Supply and Transport Corps. Captain A. F Stewart, Double Company Officer, to be 3rd Double Company Commander, pro tem, vice Captain W. J. Hunter, moved up in grade succession.

Lieutenant J. D'Oily, Double Company Officer, 19th Bombay Infantry, to be Quartermaster, vice Captain J. T. G. Adamson appointed Adjutant.

The under mentioned officers are qualified for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant :—Second-Lieutenants W. F. Iuppen and R. B. Cousens, Royal Field Artillery; A. F. Lumsden, E. L Mollison, A. Hogg, and R. D. Carlton, 2nd Battalion, the Royal Scots.

Second-Lieutenant A. F. Cusins, R.E. Military Works Services, is transferred from the Sind to the Quetta District.

Second-Lieutenant G. H. S. Williams, 1st Battalion Welsh Regiment who has been posted to the Bombay Command, will, on arrival in India, be attached as a Supernumerary to the 2nd Battalion Royal Scots, with a view to qualifying for the Indian Staff Corps.

The following officers who have been appointed to the Kings African Rifles are directed to proceed to Mombassa :—Lieutenants C. L. Barlow, 1st Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment; L. E. S. Ward, 2nd-Battalion Oxfordshire Light Infantry, and H. A. Wilson and W. E. S. Barret, 2nd Battalion, Connaught Rangers.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. L. Sinclair, D. S. O., Staff Corps, Commandant, 29th Baluch Infantry, and Major F. J. M. Edwards, Staff Corps, officiating second-in-Command, 3rd Bombay Lighth Cavalry, have been granted leave for one year, respectively; and Lieutenant J. E. Robinson, I. M. S., leave for six months on medical certificate.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence: —Major R. M. Retham, Recruiting Staff Officer for Marat has and Deccan Mahomedans, from 21st March to 18th June on accumulated privilege leave, and Lentenant A. Crookend, 1st Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, out of India, until 13th July, on private affairs, in extension of the leave granted him.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The Transports Bavarian and Armenian the sail from Bombay on the 26th and 28th March, taking home invalids and details left over from the Plassey, which also sails on the 28th and is the last Transport of the season.

It is notified for information that the 2nd Bombay Grenadiers will move by rail to Mhow, on the 1st April.

The 23rd Bombay Rifles are expected to arrive at Bombay on the 28th March.

The Officer Commanding 2nd Bombay Grenadiers will arrange to pitch a camp for the accommodation of his own regiment on the Marine Lines, vacating his own lines early in the morning of the 28th instant.

The transport "Bavarian" which arrived on Thursday, and the "Armenian," which is expected on the 23rd inst., will not now return to South Africa, but will proceed to England with details; orders regarding which will issue later.

The "Remount Depot and Native personnel of the 3 Field Hospitals" now at Igatpuri, which were allotted to the "Bavarian," and the "syce reliefs" at Deolali to the "Armenian," will now stand fast until further orders are received as to what ships they will embark in for South Africa.

Orders by the Commander-in Chief are published prohibiting the cutting of horses tails in the Artillery or Cavalry above the Hocks. It is notified that qualification in Musketry will be required for promotion to the rank of Captain.

The R. I. M. Steamer Clive will sail for Karachi on the 26th, and not the 25th instant, as previously stated. In addition to the drafts of 1st West York and 1st Bedfordshire Regiments, the depot of the 28th Bombay Pioneers—strength 1 native officer, 1 hospital assistant, 25 non-commissioned officers and men, 60 women, 83 children, and 3 private followers—will embark on board the Clive for Karachi.

The Depot, 28th Bombay Pioneers, will be railed to Bombay from Poona, arriving at the Sassoon Dock at 6 a. m. on the 26th instant. The drafts of the 1st West York and 1st Bedfordshire Regiments and all other details awaiting passages to Karachi, will parade at Sassoon Dock at 6-30 a. m. on the 26th instant for embarkation.

The following drafts arrived in the transport Bavarian will also embark on board the Clive at the same time and places as the other drafts and details :—2nd Cheshire Regiment—1 officer and 51 men. 1st Suffolk Regiment—1 officer and 150 men

THE DEVAN OF MYSORE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

MYSORE, MARCH, 21

Mr. Krishnamurti has been confirmed as Devan of Mysore by the Government of India. The intimation has been received with much gratification.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

COLOUR IN DRESS.

RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS IN LONDON.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, FEB. 24.

DURING the January sales every well-dressed woman, consciously or unconsciously, remembers that in dress the collection of facts is less important than their analysis and subsequent putting together. Among the bewilderment of goods pressed on her at alarming sacrifice, this principle must be constantly kept in mind if she is to achieve by her purchases any real success in dress without wasteful accumulation of things that she may never want at all. Putting aside for the moment the question of suitable cut and style, let us consider the part that colour plays in dress. No one will deny that to dress in black, as most men and many women do, is to some extent to beg the question. That a beautiful woman looks her best in black seems to me a most pernicious and lazy doctrine. Beauty will always be beauty, but that black which is no colour can best exhibit or combine with the infinite shades of colour in a beautiful woman's face, neck or hands is certainly open to doubt. Black is the negation of colour, the absorption and extinction of all the colour-rays and any tint, let it be of hair, of flesh, or of fabric, placed near black loses brightness. On the contrary, white, which reflects all the colour-rays intensifies the effect of any colour placed near it. We all recognise this in house decoration, where blue and white, yellow and white, green and white, &c., are used in delightful combination. But it is only the artist in dress who remembers always the judicious use of white, both in detail and in getting a general effect. When even mosquitoes are showing a highly developed colour-sense, shunning some tints as if poison, and clustering enthusiastically round others, it seems fitting that the human being should give the subject some attention. During the last few weeks there has been loud lamenting, that the period of public mourning over, the British matron and maid are lapsing back to vulgarity and crudeness of colour in dress. It is certainly true that brilliant colours which under a tropic sky and near a black or brown skin or merely as transient effects, pass muster or even delights are usually unpleasing in our climate, and fatiguing if worn permanently. And as a general rule it is safe to advise an Englishwoman to dress in quiet colours in winter, in fainter tones in summer. Neither the quiet nor the faint colours, however, need be dull or dingy, and for their proper selection no exact recipes can be given—only a few general principles, such as the observance of harmony (either by analogy or contrast), of variety, of repetition, and above all, of delicacy.

"The best possible sign of a colour," says Ruskin, "is that no one who admires it should be able to name it." Therefore let us not trouble if the colour that pleases us does not come under the shop assistant's approval as the latest-named variety of "vieux rose, eau de Nil," or other distorted nomenclature. The main thing is to have a distinct idea of our own colouring and of the combinations (both in gown and accessories) that will best harmonise or contrast with this. If we are told that Lady A. looked lovely in primrose satin embroidered in gold and fitting tightly to her exquisite figure, we who are perhaps short and stout, with flaming red hair, brown eyes, and a sallow skin, must resist the temptation to flatter her by imitation. Let the short and stout and red haired (or any other haired one) not despair, however, but, considering first the principles of beauty and colour, apply them courageously to her own dress. The old fashion of dressing young sisters exactly alike, has, happily for artistic effect, almost disappeared. It still persists for bridesmaids, and as in this case the general effect of colour in the church procession or grouping is more important than individual appearance, there is nothing to be said against it. But let there be two sisters, one fair-haired with delicate complexion and blue eyes, the other shorter, stouter, with florid or dark complexion and black eyes, the expression, carriage, and general demeanour also being quite individual, what a waste of colour opportunity is there if those two girls dress exactly alike! The late Miss Crane affirmed it to be a sure rule that "persons whose natural colouring is in a low key, one tint nearly assimilating with another, should wear soft tones of colour in dress, also nearly assimilating with each other; and where the natural colouring offers strong contrasts, the colouring of the dress should be full and strong also." In applying this rule to our two imaginary sisters, we will consider the blonde first. She should choose some tint analogous to her own colouring either of hair or complexion. Let us suppose she wishes to sport the fashionable colour of the moment and will dress in brown. The brown should not be strong or deep, but should harmonise with her fair hair, and both the brown of her hair and the delicate pink of her cheeks should be repeated in the hat itself and in lining and trimming of gown and cloak and hat, and even of muff or parasol. It is excruciating to note the want of taste that allows English girls so often to wear a hat in itself perhaps a work of art over a costume as inharmonious with it as would be a stirring tune from the "Geisha" played immediately after the "Sonata Pathetique." Very often one sees just such a want of harmony. Suddenly out of the fog a lovely face beams. On black wavy hair and green-blue eyes is a charming hat of palest green, reflecting and enhancing the unusual colour of the eyes. One is fascinated, but one must not glance below the head, for an entire costume of brightest brown serge, pretty enough in itself, destroys entirely the harmony of the black and green and white headpiece. Our delicate coloured sister will of course beware of any such false note in her costume. Now for the dark sister. Her natural colouring already offers strong contrasts, and therefore for her pale and subdued colours are not the best. For her guidance we describe a dress we chanced on casually the order day. It was worn by a handsome Indian lady who was examining the old masters at Burlington House. Red was her theme, a deep yellow red, which, in delicate silk, draped her black hair (she wisely wore no hat). Massive folds of a rich silk and velvet cloak fell to her feet over an under dress of paler red. This was embroidered in front in red and gold, and the blue of sapphire ornaments was repeated on breast and ring and faintly reflected in the blue-white of splendid Oriental eyes. She was a delightful example of entire harmony in dress. Let the dark sister reflect, not blindly imitate.

At the Haymarket Theatre, in "Frocks and Frills," Mr. Sydney Grundy's modern adaptation of "Les Doigts de Fee" of Scribe and Legouve, the choice of colour in the dresses is as noticeable as its prodigality. The scene in the work room of Clotilde and Co. (act iii.) presents in its many surprising models and in the costumes of the head of the firm and of her lady visitors an extraordinarily brilliant display, many of the details of which (e.g., the Queen of Spain's wonderous Empire gown of gold tissue outlined in brown fur) leave nothing to be desired as to beauty of the individual dress. The trouble here is very much that of a crowded gallery of pictures; each dwarfs and outshines its neighbour. In act ii, where only three ladies appear, Mrs. Nettleship, the costumier of this act, has been able to use her great artistic faculty in combining the three dresses into a most pleasant harmony of colour. Lady Athelstan's peach-colour, Olive's blue-grey velvet (this latter does not tally with a dress allowance of twenty pounds a year, but that is not our affair), and Enid's simple flowing white, with delicate touches of yellow and black, make together a charming picture, one in which all the laws of colour-harmony are followed. White and blue were most pleasingly combined in the dresses, after Romney made for the bridesmaids at a fashionable wedding not long ago. The foundation was of pale blue Oriental silk, over which cloudy white gauze floated everywhere except in the short cut-away coat and elbow sleeves. These were of pale blue mirrored velvet, the "mirror," whitening the blue, as "shot" pales or brightens the colour of silk. A puffed bertha, its double flounce edged in blue, was fastened rather high, help- out the old-picture effect. No hats were worn, but the pale blue theme was continued in strands of chiffon twisted in and out of the hair in the way common to Romney's and Sir Joshua's sisters. The short velvet coat was fastened over a gathered chiffon bodice by a silver ribbon passing over old paste buttons and tied on one side in a knot. A belt of the blue silk ended in a loose knot and sash hanging down also on the left side. And a note of black was given by a velvet ribbon tied high on the bare throat. At the Hanover Gallery exhibition, organised by Messrs. Liberty, of British-made silks and stuffs for Coronation dresses, there were also to be seen dozens of lovely evening dresses. The most attractive, were in a more or less modified Empire style. One that especially stays with me was of white silk gauze, hand embroidered on bodice, sleeves, and skirt in a delicate "applique" of trailing shamrock stems and leaves. Dresses like these betray the artist and thinker, and make one feel that the counterpart of the master-tailor in Moroni's celebrated picture may be working in our midst, designing garments for a few fortunate women, helping, slowly, to create a better taste in all, and—who knows?—paving the way for more beautiful and sensible clothes even for the men. Nature is full of suggestions that only the few as yet are knowing enough or educated enough to appropriate. Even the London streets on a foggy winter day show how exquisitely grey might be varied and repeated in a dozen tones, from faintest pearl to Indian ink. And who that at a steamship's bow has watched foam parting from blue water, or in a wood has delighted in the infinite variety of springing green or of autumn russet and brown, would not appreciate dresses that might recall even dimly the joyful colour sensations of wood or sea or sky?

The question of how women workers of small means house themselves in expensive London is one that affects a large number of the feminine sex. There are plenty of girls of gentle birth who are earning no more than a pound a week, and on that small sum are obliged to feed, house, and clothe themselves, and keep up an appearance to boot. Some of them solve the difficulty by hiring a room a little way out at, say, 6s. a week, but others, more sociably inclined, prefer a cubicle in one of the large residential blocks which are erected here and there in the West End solely for the use of women, and which have proved to be singularly successful—so much so, indeed, that rarely, if ever, is such a thing as a vacant suite of rooms or a single room even to be met within these ladies' chambers, for as fast as one tenant leaves another, whose name has probably been entered as an applicant months previously, is ready to take her place. How and where single women can live cheaply and comfortably in London concerns not only bread-winners but also those women with small incomes, who, though independent of work, having just sufficient perhaps for their needs, find a flat all to themselves dull, and boarding-houses, regarded in the light of homes, intolerable; who dislike solitary meals, and while shirking housekeeping—not possibly, on account of the trouble of it, but because they find it uninteresting to cater only for themselves—desire the rest and freedom of an independent sitting-room. Life in residential chambers would probably suit them, for there they can have both privacy and companionship—privacy in their own rooms, companionship in the public dining-room. The three blocks of buildings that stand out pre-eminently as "women's quarters" are Sloan Gardens House, S.W. and the ladies residential chambers in Chenies-street and York street, W., to which abodes the busy journalist black-and-white artist, governess, lecturer, and follower of other professions hire for comfortable and cheerful home, and hire their rooms according to the state of their purses. For instance, at Sloan Gardens House, the cost of furnished bedrooms varies from half a guinea to 13s. 6d. each and unfurnished rooms from 8s. to 12s., while a furnished cubicle may be had for 4s. 6d. or 5s. The dining-room so far as cost is concerned is carried out on the principle of a stop—that is to say, there is no stated tariff for a meal, but a cup of tea, a chop, a sweet dish, etc., have their own price each, and you take your choice from the printed list. The necessary bath is paid for on the penny-in-the-slot system.

At the Chenies-street chambers ladies are housed at the rate of from £3 to £4 a month for a two-roomed suite, from £3 10s. to £5 5s. for three rooms, and from £5 10s. to £6 6s. for a suite consisting of four rooms. Here the charges for meals are somewhat as follows: breakfast, 6d.; luncheon, 9d.; late dinner, 1s. The York-street chambers are worked on the same lines as these at Chenies-street. Another residence for the exclusive use of ladies is Brabazon House, which enjoys the interest of the Countess of Meath, and which is shortly to be removed from Bloomsbury to Moreton-street, Belgrave road, S. W. At Brabazon House girls can take a single room, with the use of sitting-rooms, piano, and papers, for 7s. 6d. or half a guinea a week; or a cubicle from 6s. Full board cost them 10s. 6d. a week, or they can arrange for breakfast and late dinner only for a lesser sum; and as many girls in residence at Brabazon House are engaged professionally during the day, the latter arrangement suits them very well. Rents are dear in Central London, and if a girl wants to take a small furnished room in, say, North or South-crescent, or Alfred place, or near that locality, she will probably have to pay half a guinea at least for a "second or third floor back." If she goes into the near suburbs she will fare better for her money, but travelling expenses must then be added on to rent. Music and art students are well provided for in Alexander House, Kensington gore the foundation stone of which was laid many years ago by Queen Alexandra who also opened the building when it was ready for habitation and has ever since visited it regularly. The girls at Alexandra House if one may judge by appearances lead the happiest of lives and carry on their busy, artistic careers under the most charming conditions. Here again no such thing is ever known as a vacant bedroom and it is usu lly a case of waiting for many months before admission can be gained to the house by the would be resident. It is not generally known that girls of various nationalities can obtain board and residence at the convent in Leicester-square, where some of them remain for quite a long period. The cost for board and lodging is under £1. These, then, are a few of the places in which gently-born girls and women who live by their industry find congenial homes in London and are saved the trouble of housekeeping for themselves.

CYCLING AT HOME.

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So much has already been written upon the racing question, that scant interest displayed by the public and the lack of "knew blood" on the race path and so on, that there is really very little fresh that can be said on the topic; but since last year and the coming year give signs of a slight revival, it would as well to consider in what way this satisfactory tendency might be fostered. The introduction of new racing men is the vital point, as their presence on the track would result in more competition and better and more exciting racing, thus drawing the attendance of the public, who at present stay away, not because cycle racing has no attraction for them, but because the result of any of the more important match races rests each time between the same two or three leading men. It behoves the National Cyclists Union to encourage new men in every possible way.

Are the present cycle tracks in any way responsible for the declining public interest in cycle racing, is a question now being asked, on the ground that the larger circumference of modern tracks in England—three laps to the mile—prevent the cheap gate, which is usually placed on the far side of the track from clearly discerning the finish. Personally we should not think this is the case, although undoubtedly smaller tracks provide racing which is far more interesting because it can be more closely followed. In France, and Australia particularly, the tendency has been to enlarge the tracks, and in fact in the latter country being only two laps to the mile. This we should consider unnecessarily large. A four lap track is most successful from a spectator's point of view and providing the banking is properly designed would also be quite safe for high-speed riding.

The future of motor cycle racing is problematical and beyond proving of interest to members and those otherwise interested in the trade, it is doubtful whether it will prove an attraction to the public after the novelty has worn off. Most of the meetings held so far have invariably resulted in run away wins, and what this is a source of satisfaction to the maker of the winning machine, it is not calculated to arouse enthusiasm amongst the spectators. And then again, the public cannot hide their eyes to the fact that the competing machines are mechanically driven and that the result depends largely upon the running power of the motor. Truly a "lot depends upon the driver, but this is not appreciated by the "man in the street" who labour under the impression that given the same machine he could do equally as well.

An agreeable exception to the above rule, however, was provided in the first motor cycle race meeting to be organized by the Motor Cycling Club at the Crystal Palace track on the concluding day of the recent and successful six days' show held at that popular place of resort. No doubt the success of this meeting was entirely due to the expurience gained from previous unsuccessful races, the competitors in each of the three events being classed according to the horse-power of the motor bicycles they were riding. For example, Class I for motors of 1 1-2 h. p. and under; Class II. for motors of more than 1 1-2 h. p. and not exceeding 2 h. p., and Class III. for cycles driven by motors of more than 2 h. p. This classification resulted in much closer finishes and consequently in more interesting racing. Let us hope that this meeting marks the epoch of a more successful era in motor cycle racing.

The Postmaster-General has now fully realized the many advantages which attach to the bicycle when used in connection with certain departments under his control. Enquiries reveal the fact that the use of the bicycle is on the increase, no less than 400 official machines being now in use about the country amongst rural post men alone, and 50 carrier tricycles in London and other large towns for delivering purposes. Amongst the employees, the bicycle is also extensively used for travelling to and from their offices. At the new Post Office Savings Bank Department to course of erection at Kensington, accommodation for storing 1,000 cycles has been provided, so from this fact a good idea can be gathered of the number of civil servants who cycle.

Cycle parades and carnivals throughout the summer months are constantly being organized by cyclists in different parts of the country, and wheelmen ever ready to help in these cases voluntarily give their labours and cash for the benefit of those charities for which such parades are organized. But few clubs have been so successful as the members of the Runcorn C.C., who have now nearly sufficient money to erect a cottage hospital. Most of the money was obtained by parades and carnivals, although some outside donations have also been received. Carnivals are held in almost every town of importance throughout the country, and a return of the sums collected would provide interesting ready. The total would certainly run into colossal figures.

One advantage of the acetylene gas lamp over the oil lamp for cycling, is that even in the strongest gale or when riding over the roughest roads, it will not blow or jerk out. The power of withstanding wind or vibration is limited in even the best of oil burners, whereas the acetylene will continue burning even when the flame is not protected with a glass. Indeed some of the acetylene lamps are manufactured without glass, though this is a poor scheme, as it gives access of dust and grit to the delicate burner. But we doubt whether acetylene will ever become popular as an illuminant amongst cyclists. It has been given an extended trial but has made but little headway

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

Fielding Baron St. Liz is much more authentic. It was the second Earl who acquired that Barony. He had been one of the Parliament's Commissioners to Charles I., but having concurred in the Restoration, "was created Baron St. Liz February 3, 1663-4. He died s. p. after being the husband of four wives; but the St. Liz Barony passed, with the other family honours, to his nephew and heir William, by special remainder, in 1675.

It is not easy to see what dignity the original grantee gained by it. He had already a Barony of more ancient date vested in him. One of his four wives had married a daughter and heir of John Seyton, which name is said to be the same as that of St. Liz—St. Liz having been the patronymic of the early Earls of Northampton in the 12th century.

In the old days the shoemakers cut their own uppers and sewed them on to the "bottoms" (soles). The local name for a shoemaker was then "snob." These "snobs," who are fast disappearing, had some curious characteristics: They usually shaved clean once or twice a week. They wore hard billycock hats—never caps—and black coats of the shape one nowadays walks down Piccadilly in of mornings. No pockets in the sides, but pockets in the tails. A flannel or coloured calico shirt without a collar, and round their neck nearly always a flannel slip tied over once and let hang under the waistcoat; rock portion (as we do a tie in a sailor knot), and this neckcloth was usually black and white check. On Mondays they scarcely ever worked; if drunk, they loafed about, but if sober, as was much more generally the case, they went a-hiring at Wrexham or Whitlingham on the Yare or attended their canaries at home. They were a breed by themselves, these snobs, never tall, and with a lingo peculiar to on part of East Anglia but Pockthorpe or St. Martin's, Norwich—their W's became V's and V's became W's, Porter was their beverage—never spirits—and Paisley shawls clad their wives. The men never carried walking-sticks or wore overcoats except in the bitterest weather. Keen politicians, every man Jack of them (concludes our correspondent), Whig to the backbone, loyal to the city, and of the proper stuff to make good citizens.

That the present reign will be marked by the institution of English Academy, something after the manner of the French Institute, may be pretty safely anticipated. The petition of the Royal Society to the King, praying that "inquiry be made with a view of instituting a general and formal organization," and for embodiment under Royal Charter as an Academy, or like institution,' is the first overstep that has been taken in this matter, but the petitioners were not without assurance of benevolent consideration. The Academie Francaise has no doubt, a considerable start of anything else of the kind, it dates from January 2 1633. The idea was Richelieu's. The benevolent monarch then was Louis XIII. The Parliament of those days was not so benevolent. It refused to register the Kings Letters Patent for good two years. The Revolution naturally suppressed the Academie, with all else monarchical. A decree of the Convention, August 8, 1793, reduced it to a quite subordinate department of language and literature, included in the Institute National of 1795. The Restoration restored it to its pride of place.

Princess Charles of Denmark has many accomplishments, and few amateurs can equal her as a carver in wood. Her Royal Highness has recently taken to carving pipes, and some very beautiful ones indeed has this bright, popular Princess given to her husband and her relatives. The Prince of Wales is certainly not a great pipe-smoker, but he sometimes takes a "whiff" out of a most exquisitely carved briar, presented to him a short time ago by his sister Princess Charles. "Yes" said the joke-loving Prince to an acquaintance a few weeks ago, who was lost in admiration at the beauty of his Royal Highness's pipe this pipe is a grand one, I must confess; and I particularly value it because it was carved by my sister, Princess Charles of Denmark. "No, you know, though"—and his Royal Highness looked very serious—"when I was a sailor I enjoyed a pipe far more than I do now! But that is easily accounted for I always smoked a clay then, and oh, how sweet it was!" With a sigh the Prince continued: But now, you see, I am Prince of Wales so, of course, I must make these terrible sacrifices.

The Duke of Connaught, like his nephew, the Prince of Wales, is a very moderate pipe smoker. His Royal Highness has, however, a magnificent collection of pipes, obtained from all parts of the world. A monotonously millioned American, who was objectionably conscious of his wealth, once asked the Duke to honour him by letting him have one of his pipes. "I guess if your Royal Highness would favour me, I would smoke nothing else but your pipe," said the millionaire in a pleading tone of voice. The Duke, ever good-natured, granted the favour," although he was somewhat disgusted at such worshipping of royalty. A few weeks later his Royal Highness again met the American, who at once proudly drew from his coat pocket the pipe given him by the Duke. "Sir," he said, with ludicrous solemnity, "I've smoked many an ounce of tobacco out of this pipe since you last saw me, and I reckon I've never puffed at anything so sweet in the whole course of my life." "Oh, I'm glad of that," said the Duke smiling. "I ought to tell you, however, that the pipe I gave you was not mine at all—it was left here by some visitor, and got put into my rack by mistake. So sorry; but I really did not know this which gave it to you!" The millionaire is still puffing—but not at the pipe.

The Family Post Office estimates that no fewer than 93,000 letters were stolen last year from pillar-boxes. Experiments are being made by fitting some of the boxes with steel teeth which prevent the extraction of letters, in the hope of guarding against these thefts in the future.

Mr. Heaberry, of the Board of Agriculture, has appointed a Departmental Committee to report upon the measures that might with advantage be taken for the promotion and encouragement of the planting and management of woodlands in Great Britain.

Nikifor Prokopiev is a Russian peasant of Makovo Razin, claims to be 113 years old, and retired from labour in the fields only three years ago. His youngest son is seventy-two, and he has about sixty grandchildren, extending over three generations. His cousin died recently at 113.

The American stage wars which has opened the doors of popularity to Primes Henry in the United States bids fair to obtain a vogue in England. The other day one might have heard Londoners struggling with the monosyllable which in nine cases out of ten, they pronounced "kinch." The exotic should be more tenderly treated as its first letter is soft and sibilant, Americans pronouncing it "stock."

When Pastor McDougall, of Castbridge, went to prison the otherday for refusing to vacate his church half a dozen of his congregation barricaded themselves within the building. They were amply provided with bedding and food, and held the fort successfully until yesterday morning. Then the police adopted strategic measures. Two local blacksmiths of an opposite persuasion were duly instructed to pick the locks of the main doors, while the little garrison slept, and a dozen members of the police forces mobilized themselves with such success that the doors were burst open. The defenders, thus rudely awakened, beat a hurried retreat, and the church is now in the possession of the Presbytery. Meanwhile Mr. McDougall is still in gaol.

Mr. Cathcart Wason, the member for Orkney and Shetland who employed his spare time in knitting stockings in the smoking-room at the House of Commons, has recently abandoned the practice. Mr. Wason used to explain to inquirers that his eyesight was very bad, and that, as he could not be always reading, he took up knitting as a pastime. The innovation, though quite an innocent one, annoyed number of old Parliamentary hands. A pair of late Mr. Wason's knitting needles have been in evidence at Westminster.

There is a complaint that the London School Board, like the War Office, is paying [illegible] market price for its commodities. Pianos for the schools are to cost the Board £22,000, which, as Councillor Smith Kilvert, of Bayswater, points out, is an average of £22 each. Good oak or walnut pianos can be bought for £18.

The Ven. Archdeacon Bourne chatted with an "Express" representative about some report of his allowing smoking in the church, as a method of attracting men to services. "Not in church, by any means," he said; "we have allowed smoking at conferences held on Sunday evenings in the schools, but these meetings of Churchmen differ objects, and we find that smoking rubs off corners and makes the meeting much less formal. Some men have come who otherwise would have stayed away, but the curious experience is that there has been very little smoking!" By tacit consent, every pipe, cigar, or cigarette vanished when the very serious subject was being talked over.

"Red spiders must go! So must green and black flies, together with their friend the mealy bug. "Nicotine, if taken in the form of a vapour both will kill them; so here's life to the cucumbers and cabbage plants of the Channel Islands." So said Mr. G. S. Williams at the Fruit and Flower Show in the Drill Hall, Buskin, ham-gate. Mr. Williams told his audience that the British public was altogether mistaken as to the germ-killing properties of nicotine. Tobacco smoke does not kill germs. But it does kill certain bugs and prevents blight on flowers and vegetables. The use of nicotine in this way will mean much to the horticulturists and floriculturists of the future.

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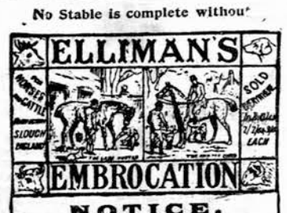

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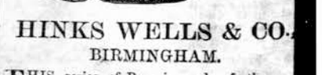

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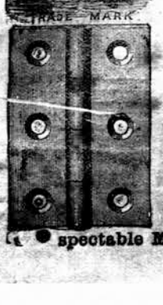

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A PLAY OF THE WEEK.

If only Memory's Garden had proved to be as fresh and fragrant as the pretty wilderness of laburnum and may which surrounded the Vicarage hall decorated with holly, on which the curtain rose, one would have had cause to rejoice rather than sigh at the production of Messrs. Albert Chevalier and Tom Gallon's new play, at the Comedy Theatre, last week. There seemed to be all the elements for a charming if conventional story to be unfolded. Although the very first lines suggested a village tragedy, one could not help believing that the return from South Africa of the Vicar's son would bring happiness at all events; or that the love-story of the Vicar's ward would be both entertaining and delightful or that the comic relief would make its appearance before the last act. But unfortunately the son's home-coming only resulted in the development of a sordid and mean plot the ward's love-making was of a lengthy dull description, and the "comic relief"—while it certainly relieved—was all too late in appearing upon the scene.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

Several times, in the course of the three acts of "Memory's Garden," golden opportunities seemed to be within the author's grasp. But the chances slipped away. For instance, the entrance of Dick Miller—who knows the secret of the village tragedy and confronts the Vicar's son with that knowledge in his face—made one expect an interview that would at least, arouse some feelings beyond contempt and indifference. Who can forget the meeting in "Adam Bede," of Adam and Arthur Donnithorne—a scene that is recalled to one's mind by the somewhat similar situation in "Memory's Garden"—and be satisfied by the foolish sentimentality of Dick Miller and his shielding, by absolute silence, of such a scoundrel as the Vicar's son? Again, the big scene in the second act between the father and son was prolonged to weariness; and the fact that Jessie Ferbidge—a character most vital to the story—should only be given a 'thinking part' in the first and last acts, struck one as almost as absurd in the dramatic construction of the play as to speak of rifles, it was that she should make her appearance (like Jerome K. Jerome's heroine of stageland) without any hat or bonnet, after walking from her cottage to the Vicarage, on a cold winter's night.

A CHARACTER SKETCH.

There was something about the setting of the last act of Memory's Garden that made one heartily wish that Mr. Chevalier himself could have entered with the crowd of villagers, in his old smock frock and tall hat. 'E can't take a roise out of Oi I would have been such a welcome little speciality. But, as it was, Mr. William Cheeseman, as an old blind fiddler, gave a character sketch in the real Chevalier vein. He was exceedingly good, with his shrill chuckle, his self-satisfaction, and his dog with no ear for music.

CONCERNING THE CAST.

Mr. Macintosh, with that resonant grand voice of his, makes a welcome reappearance in Memory's Garden after an absence of some time from the London playbills. Mr. Alfred Kendrick, the young actor-artist—for he follows two professions successfully, played the difficult, ungrateful part of the Vicar's son. Mr. Dennis Eadie plainly shows in manner, voice, and make-up, that he is forming himself on Mr. George Alexander, with whom he has worked for a considerable time. Mr. Bassett Roe, always good, does what he can with Dick Miller, and the same can be said of Miss Carlotta Addison as the Vicar's wife. Miss Norah Lancaster and Miss Daisy Ibbtson play the unhappy Jessie and the happy Phyllis respectively. Miss Lancaster is so earnest and promising that her future on the stage is one of the most interesting speculations for a playgoer. Altogether the play strikes one as a great opportunity—missed.

IN 'MADEMOISELLE MARS.'

Mademoiselle Mars has been undergoing many changes, especially in the second act, so that the play now goes with much more effect, for many little inconsistencies, both in words and business, have been stage-managed out of existence, and the whole action is far more swift and telling than it was on the first night. The cast remains the same, Mr. Frank Dyall, whose part should be much better, considering the fact that he is the hero of the play, has all the qualifications of the romantic actor. With youth, and a clear, well-trained voice—a voice that suggests now and again the vigorous tones of Mr. Lewis Waller, and then, oddly enough, the quick change from lightness to depth that adds so much to Mr. Wyndham's words on the stage—with a good presence, and quite enough experience to work upon, it is not surprising that Mr. Frank Dyall was chosen by Mrs. Zangry to play the young Duc D'Aumont.

MR. FRANK DYALL.

Frank Dyall is the son of Mr. Charles Dyall, Curator of the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool. He commenced, in leading parts only, in the T. R. Back Drawing Room of his father's house, at the mellow age of five. His first professional engagement was some fifteen years, later, when he walked on at the St. James's afterwards playing parts, and ultimately stage-managing for Mr. Alexander, when he ran a season at the Royalty. During Mr. Dyall's amateur days at Liverpool he was a member of the Lyrion Dramatic Club, with whom Mr. James Welch also won some of his first successes. Three years with Mr. Forbes Robertson, nearly as long with Mr. Waller, and an important engagement in Miss Jarrette Steer's company (when he played Rouno remarkably well) complete the theatrical career of Mr. Frank Dyall up-to-date.

BY THE WAY.

Apropos of Mr. Dyall's first speaking part, Copeland in The Masqueraders, he had the satisfaction—thoroughly miserable as it made him at the time—of convulsing his audience upon the stage, by an error which fortunately escaped the notice of his audience "in front." When Copeland first enters to David Remon, the astronomer, with news of a mountaineering expedition, he should answer the question, "What is it now?" in these words, "Mount St. Elias, eighteen thousand feet high and snow at the sea-level." But in his extreme nervousness he emphatically announced that Mount St. Elias was "eighteen feet high and there was snow all round the bottom!"

MR. EDWARD SASS.

When a man who runs one of the best companies in South Africa, and never comes to England without some theatrical scheme up his sleeve, finds time to accept a London engagement himself, it goes without saying that he truly makes the most of his opportunities. Rare is the critic who has not a word of praise for Mr. Edward Sass's character in "The New Clown." His performance of the circus proprietor displays all the pomposity, ignorance and shrewdness of the old fashioned ringmaster. To see him "bullyragging" the wretched little new clown (played by Mr. James Welch) is overwhelmingly funny. Mr. Sass, of "Sass and Nelson Limited," has just despatched a musical company to South Africa, and returns himself with a dramatic company in June.

Mr. Edward Sass had five year's experience in Australian theatrical management before he started in South Africa. He was running a theatre in Adelaide at the time of the bank failures in '93. His partner, Mr. Nelson, is a comedian, and as he himself plays the strong parts, such as Sir Daniel Carteret in Mrs. Dane's Defence, they have always two of the best in their own companies. Mrs. Edward Sass, who plays under the name of Miss Emma Gwynne, is a sister of Mrs. George Edwardes.

RE-ENTER MISS IRENE VANBRUGH.

It is hard to believe that it is two years since Miss Irene Vanbrugh was seen upon the stage in London. She has not acted at all since her final appearances in The Gay Lord Quex, in Montreal, last April. How well I remember, some years ago, hearing Miss Vanbrugh talk about Sophy Fullgarney, when the play was only in rehearsal, before she realised—excited and deeply interested in the part as she was—that it was to be the triumph of her career. Fancy a time when Quex was only a coming production, and Sophy herself a note of interrogation! Miss Vanbrugh is very keen about the new part, waiting for her, in The Princess's Nose, to be produced at the Duke of York's; after such a long holiday she will return to the footlights with renewed energy and pleasure.

MR. FREDERICK HARRISON.

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MR. LUIGI LABLACHE.

Mr. Luigi Lablache, the blunt Roger Goodlake of Mice and Men at the Lyric, is a grandson of the famous singer of the same name, and son of Frederick Lablache, also a singer, while his mother was professionally known as Miss Fanny Wyndham, so that it is a little surprising that he should have always devoted himself to dramatic, rather than musical art. Going on the stage when he was quite a lad in the good old stock season days at Bristol, Mr. Lablache has been three times to America (first as Mrs. Scot Siddons's leading man, and afterwards to support Miss Olga Nether- sole), and played over so many parts too well for me to be able to mention any special success, although I must make an exception in favour of General Burnoyne—"Gentlemanly Johnnie"—in Bernard Shaw's The Devil's Disciple. Although Mr. Lablache modestly calls it "an actor-proof part," so good that it was easy to play, his performance will always be a delightful recollection for the comparatively few who were able to see it.

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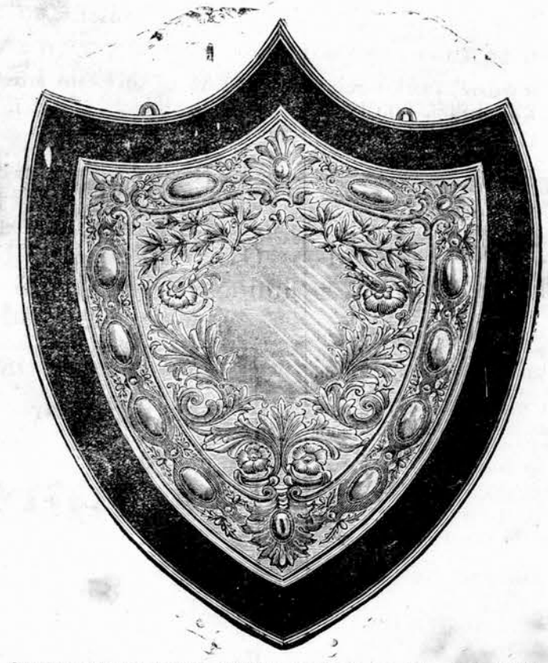
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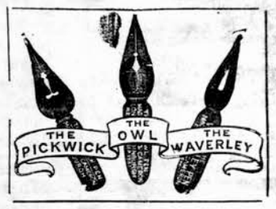

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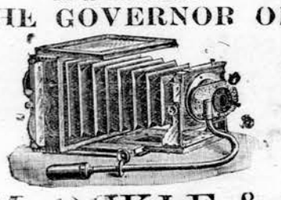

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